

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes April 11, 2019 7:00pm BOS meeting room

Members

Audrey Fraizer, Acting chair

Anita Stevens

Janet Urquhart

Hub Seward

Rodney Dellafelice(Alt)

Chris Costantino(Alt)

Excused: Andy Hughes, Chair; Kim Rimalover , VChair

Town Representatives

Guests

Item	Discussion			Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	a. January Work session – incomplete b. January meeting unanimously approved on a motion by Anita and seconded by Rodney c. March meeting approval – unanimously approved on a motion by Anita and seconded by Hub			Chris to fix and re-submit January work session report
2. Mayflower Hill site visit	a. Boundary blazing project – Unanimous approval of the motion by Chris and seconded by Janet to spend \$4500 from the Town Forest fund to contract with NEFC (New England Forestry Consultants) to survey and blaze the boundary of Mayflower Patch Hill Town Forest. b. Management Plan Addendum – Unanimous approval of a motion by Anita and seconded by Chris to accept and pay \$450.00 to Dan Reed, Professional Forester, for the addendum he prepared for the Mayflower/Patch Hill TF management plan			a. Chris to arrange work with NEFC b. Chris to arrange payment for Dan
3. Upcoming events	May 4 – Combined April/May hike – bird watching at SRT East. Meet at MCAA fields on NRiver Rd May 4 – Wilton Sustainability Fair – Audrey will consider spending part of the day April 14 – Unitarian Church Earth Day event. Audrey will attend. She will pick up the display panel from the office. April 23/24 – town-wide spring brush pickup. Check dates on the town website June 22 – 4 th Sat hike for June Brox			Andy H to lead SRT East hike Leader to be determined for June hike
4. Natural Resource Inventory Discussion	Rick Van de Poll proposal. See below table which reflects the lengthy discussion. Ultimately, the topic will continue at the next meeting.			Discussion to continue at next mtg (May 2019)
	Reasons for approval	Questions/Comments	What MCC can do to improve our existing NRI/Conservation Plan	
	Updated evaluation of our wetland resources	How will this augment what we already have	Can/is this being done by MCC members with the same permissions and side-of-the-road method proposed by contractor	
	Improved maps and	How will the residents of	Can this be done at the request of the MCC to GIS staff to input layers	

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	improved GIS layers	Milford benefit from this	from GRANIT and NHF&G?	
	Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) map layers enhanced for Milford needs	How will the augmented assessment and report enrich our decision - making process		
		It is too expensive for the amount of work that MCC members have to put into it		
5. Reports	<p>a. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF. The Conservation Easement (CE) was approved by the BoS. Since the ARM funding was lost when we didn't meet their completion deadline, we will need to make edits to the CE. It is being managed by the New England Forestry Foundation attorney who will have completed the edits so that the MCC can present the edited version to the BoS at their April 22 meeting</p> <p>b. March 23 hike at Tucker Brook North – 5 people braved and conquered the icy conditions on the trail. The falls were beautiful.</p> <p>c. BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nichols Smith CLT will not hold the easement. The Trust members are concerned about the ongoing gravel operation and future use proposed for the abutting property Audrey will meet with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy to judge their level of interest Audrey will prepare a proposal for the Amherst Land Trust, which is meeting April 14. <p>d. Forest Management Plans updating project – Mayflower /Patch Hill TF update complete. Next town forest will be Tucker Brook.</p> <p>e. Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – work continues</p> <p>f. Melendy Rd tunnel grant – LWCF requirements for encumbering the rail trail may be too costly. The Land and Water Conservation Fund which is considering our project for funding will require the town to encumber the rail trail south of the Rt 101 bypass. This is estimated to cost \$20,000 to survey the rail trail corridor to develop a legal description. Because of the proposed delay in providing this information, the project is being held until the June submission date by the NH DNCR (Division of Natural and Cultural Resources) team managing the LWCF program in NH.</p> <p>g. Court of Honor for Kyle Schedin – Bob Foster connector trail. Chris attended and presented a letter of appreciation to Kyle. The audience liked the Front Doors to Outdoors Project Map.</p>			<p>Chris to post TBTF management plan in the gdrive</p> <p>Anita has offered to work with Chris to determine if there is sufficient information available from abutting properties to create a legal description for the rail trail.</p>

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	<p>h. Open subdivisions</p> <p>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots</p> <p>Autumn Oaks – easement</p> <p>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of open space</p>	
6. Interdepartmental review	<p>Map26 Lot157 - Nano-brewery on South Street – no comment</p> <p>Map19 Lot13&14 – Family Dental Care of Milford expansion. Want to see more landscaping details with a request to use native species</p> <p>Map35 Lot4 – Brennan and MacKay Warehouse expansion. Native landscaping and steep slopes should be addressed in the stormwater management plan</p>	Chris to write Memos to Planning Board
7. Camera solution to vandalism	tabled	
8. Election of Officers	tabled	
9. 2019 Goals	<p>The proposed list of goals was discussed. Assignments were taken by the members:</p> <p>Chris - completion of the Policy and Procedure Manual</p> <p>Audrey – completion of the Map poster project for public display in offices and shops, etc.</p> <p>Rodney – Conservation Plan update project. What is needed and when and how does it enhance the Conservation Chapter in the Town Master Plan</p> <p>Anita – Invasive Plants Management Plan</p> <p>Audrey – Brox Open Space Conservation Easement (BOSCE)</p> <p>Andy – Easements on Mile Slip and Hitchiner Town Forests</p> <p>Audrey – reflective strips on hiker sign posts</p>	See Discussion notes

Next Regular Meeting – May 9, 2019 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.

2019 Meeting Dates: Feb14. Mar 14. Apr 11. May 9. June 13. Jul 11. Aug 8. Sept 12. Oct 10. Nov 14. Dec 12