

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018 7:00pm BOS meeting room

Present: MEMBERS: Andy Hughes, Chair; Janet Urquhart, Anita Stevens, David Bosquet, Audrey Fraizer, Hub Seward.

ALTERNATES: Chris Costantino. **Excused:** Kim Rimalover (Member) and Rodney Dellafelice (Alternate)

Appointments – none

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. December Meeting Minutes approval	The members unanimously approved a motion by Janet, seconded by Anita to accept the December 2017 meeting minutes.	
2. Gift of \$500 from Rodny Richey	The members unanimously approved a motion by Audrey, seconded by David to accept the gift of \$500 from the Richeys to be put into the Rail Trail Fund.	Chris to send a thank you note and notify BOS
3. Autumn Oaks subdivision easement review	Remove Item (F) which allows abutters to remove trees to improve view Add improvements Item(B) to include trails, wildlife management, forestry management, and passive recreation	Chris to write memo for review and delivery to PB staff
4. Memberships renewal	a. NHANRS – NH Assoc’n of Natural Resource Scientists (\$20.00 for CCs) b. NHTOA – NH Timberland Owners Assoc’n (\$30.00) c. NHACC – NH Assoc’n of Conservation Commissions (\$587.00) The members voted unanimously to support a motion by Audrey, seconded by Janet to renew our memberships in these organizations.	Chris to re-register the MCC
5. 4 th Sat Hike	The 2018 hike schedule was reviewed. Suggestions were to publicize the hikes on Oval signs, facebook, school newsletters, and recreation newsblasts. Anita volunteered to manage the publicity of the hikes. We will revisit the list in May to get leaders for summer and fall hikes	Anita to work with Chris to get notices to the appropriate venues.
6. Reports	a. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF –no change b. LWCF grant – Yvonne and Chris continuing to work on this c. Forest Management Plans - David will work on the summary spreadsheet. Andy suggested that we might consider putting the management plan updates on a rolling calendar so that we won’t have to update all the town forest management plans in the same year. d. Open subdivisions i. Falcon Ridge – nothing new. Continued building ii. Autumn Oaks – continued buildout. The deed for the open space is being finalized. iii. Spaulding – revised plan in review. The commission decided to recommend that the town accept ownership of the open space. Other questions remain about this open space subdivision plan:	Chris to write memo for review and delivery to PB staff

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sewer easement appears to stop before exiting the property.• Wetland buffer impact on the road which should be avoided• What are the black rectangles that parallel the west side of D.B.1• The depth of the DB1 appears to be below saturation point – will there always be standing water in this basin?• Where are the calculations for the GWPD 15% impervious surface requirement• The members appreciate that one house lot was removed from the plan, that mulched berms are being used rather than silt fencing, and that the plantings are appropriate for the locations and purposes.	
7. Warrant Articles	Discussion about presenting the case for open space. Deliberative Session is on Feb 3. Items to consider: importance of real estate values, priority to have money to act, examples of how the money has been used, talking points from Trust for Public Lands and RCP document Wildlands and Woodlands	Work session on Jan 25 to go over the presentation for deliberative session
8. Interdepartmental review	Gravel removal M/L42-1. Comments are: a. Will the trees be removed from the buffer? b. What is the crosshatching between 42-3,42-1 and 42-2 c. The commission is not in support of the waiver to extend the hours of operation.	Chris to write memo for review and delivery to PB staff
d. Work session	Scheduled for Jan 25 at 6:30 in the OCD conference room.	Chris to book the room

Next Regular Meeting – Feb 8, 2018 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.

2018 Meeting Dates: Feb 8. Mar 8. Apr 12. May 10. June 14. Jul 12. Aug 9. Sept 13. Oct 11. Nov 8. Dec 13