

# Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda November 14, 2019 7:00pm BOS Meeting Room

## Present

### Members

Andy Hughes, Chair

Anita Stevens

Hub Seward

Janet Urquhart

Audrey Fraizer

Excused: Rodney Dellafelice(Alt), David Bosquet, Kim Rimalover, VChair; John Yule (Alt)

### Town Representatives

### Guests

Chris Costantino(Alt)

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	October 10 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Janet, seconded by Anita. October 23 work session report was unanimously approved on a motion by Audrey, seconded by Andy.	
2. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	a. October 26, 2019 – Hitchiner led by Andy was a success. Wildlife were spotted and recorded. 15 folks attended. b. November 23, 2019 – at Brox. Meet at Heron Pond School Parking Lot at 9:00am	
3. Natural Resource Inventory Discussion	Audrey and Chris attended the Planning Board meeting on November 5, 2019. Due to their loaded agenda and 2 hours of abutter comment to a proposed project, Audrey and Chris asked to postpone the NRI discussion to another date.	Chris to set another date for the NRI discussion with the PB
4. National Guard to use Hitchiner TF for training	The ANG (Army National Guard) would like to use Hitchiner TF for winter training. There will be a site visit on November 18 at 10:00 with the ARG officers and ARN Environmental Specialists to establish a baseline record against potential impacts incurred during training events. Andy and Chris will meet with the ARN personnel.	
5. Reports	October 8&9 - Pumpkin Festival. Successful event. Keep it on the calendar.	
	Ghost Train Rail Trail Race. Successful event. Janet, Anita, John, Kim, Audrey and Chris were assisted by more than 100 volunteers to keep the aid stations ready for the runners. Facebook stories are full of runner satisfaction and anticipation for 2020. Need more helpers at the Road Crossings; better signage at the crossings; look into lighted signs for the Armory Rd crossing; temporary speed bumps; cut back shrubbery to the southeast of the Armory Rd crossing; communication radios for the volunteers	
	November 6 – Nashua River Watershed Association sponsored hike on the Rail Trail. Successful event. Barbara Tortorelli, a lifelong resident of Milford and a member of the Historical Society attended. She had lots of stories of growing up with the Rail Trail as part of her childhood. David Palance (Milford Heritage Commission) attended and contributed more historical information.	

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	<p>BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement)</p> <p>There was a work session :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment Agreement language edits by attorneys were discussed</li> <li>• Two public hearings per NH RSA41:14a on November 11 &amp; 25</li> <li>• Audrey and Chris met with Meridian Land Services staff and Melissa Doperalski of NH F&amp;G to discuss the CE boundary</li> <li>• The Alteration of Terrain (AoT) permit for the Brox Gravel Operations has been remanded to the Water Council. It is unclear how this will impact the CE progress. For the time being, The MCC will move forward as planned and request that Meridian inform us when their staff has spent \$5,000.</li> <li>• The CE draft is still on the desks of NHF&amp;G staff. Audrey will remind Betsy McNaughten to renew efforts to get a more complete draft to the MCC for review</li> <li>• Baseline Documentation underway</li> </ul>	Chris to contact Meridian staff
	Forest Management Plans updating project – Tucker Brook	Chris to check with Matt Tarr for a report of his visit to the site. Check with Dan Reed about timing. Make a summary of what has been done to date
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – A CMAQ grant submitted by Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director, was awarded. This grant will fund construction of a sidewalk from West Street to the Armory Rd parking area for the Granite Town Rail Trail.	Chris to learn of how much of the grant is directed to the crossing and when it will be released.
	Melendy Rd tunnel grant – nothing new to report	Chris to check status of grant application with the Trails Bureau
	Wildflower Project – nothing new to report	
	<p><b>Open subdivisions</b></p> <p>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots</p> <p>Autumn Oaks – easement. Has corrected easement been accepted by landowner</p> <p>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space</p>	
	Middle School Health Fair. Successful event. Consider/plan to make a coloring size poster of the Trails Map for the students to color on indicating where they live and which trails they have hiked.	
6. 2020 Budget	<p>Budget hearing on November 16, 2019 at the joint BOS/BAC meeting. Members, after discussion, will not alter the current budget.</p> <p>The members have asked that the cost for the BOSCE be included in the town budget. This has been done.</p>	Chris to contact Paul Callabria, Finance Director
7. Upcoming Events	Meet with Budget Advisory Committee to discuss our proposed 2020 Warrant Article requesting \$20k for the Land Fund.	
8. Trail Promotion	Open a contest for trail videos to promote Milford Trails. Commissioners are interested in the idea. Would like to hear Lincoln Daley's vision of the contest and purpose. Future discussion: scope of video; location	Chris to invite Lincoln to attend a future meeting

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videos contest	of video; prize or outcome of video; categories; judges;	
9. Interdepartmental Review	M14L10 Sons Chimney – no comment on subdivision M25L16 15 Elm Street Hayes Heating – a bit more information about landscaping M43L61 Conceptual Plan ONLY - Ponemah Pines Subdivision Site Plan – no comment	Chris to send IDR memos to the PB for their Nov 19 meeting
10. Warrant Articles	Members will submit a request for an additional \$20,000 for the land fund. For future reference, this was not a unanimous decision.	

Next Regular Meeting – December 12, 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