

## Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020 7:00pm BOS Meeting Room

Present:

### Members

Andy Hughes, Chair

Hub Seward

Anita Stevens

Janet Urquhart

Excused:, Kim Rimalover, VChair; Audrey Fraizer, David Bosquet

John Yule (Alt)

Rodney Dellafelice(Alt),

Chris Costantino(Alt) present by phone

### Town Representatives

### Guests

Jason Bolduc, Meridian Land Services

Andrew Gardent, applicant

**Appointment:** Minimum Expedited Wetland Impact permit application for a driveway crossing on M3L10. Jason Bolduc of Meridian Land Services presented a plan for Andrew Gardent, who wants to construct a driveway on an existing woods road which crosses a wetland. There will be approximately 1500 sq.ft of buffer impact in grading the existing woods road; an additional 300+ sq.ft of wetland impact. He will install a 30' HDPE culvert which will be embedded 6" below grade to present a natural bottom for animal passage. The NHB (Natural Heritage Bureau) report included in the Wetland Permit Application indicates a sighting of a Spotted Turtle in 2016. Mr. Gardent intends to do the work when the ground is either frozen or dry. Currently there is a timber harvest underway to create pasture and fields. Pictures included in the application show that there has been some vehicular activity in this wetland crossing. The landowner has been advised that this activity should stop until the crossing is protected; at the very minimum using Best Management Practices from Good Forestry in the Granite State. This impact meets the criteria for a minimum impact project. Andy signed the permit application, enabling it to be expedited through the review process at NH DES.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Trail Promotion videos contest	Trail video contest sponsored by the MCC. Tabled until a future meeting	
2. Meeting Minutes approval	The December 12 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by John, seconded by Janet.	
3. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	a. January 25 – hike at SRT East. Chris to lead. Hike will start at the parking at the MCAA fields on N River Rd b. February 22 – SRT West. Andy will lead	
4. Organization Membership renewal	NHACC (NH Assoc'n of ConComms) - \$675 NHTOA (NH Timber Owners Assoc'n) - \$30.00 NHANRS (NH Assoc'n of Natural Resource Scientists) - \$25.00 Souhegan Watershed Association - \$100.00 New : NHRTC ( NH Rail Trail Coalition) - \$35.00 All the membership fees were unanimously approved on a motion by Andy and seconded by Janet	
5. Accept donations	Donation of \$500.00 from Faye Richie for the Rail Trail – accepted unanimously on a motion by Anita, seconded by John Donation of \$13,777.93 from TARC (Trail Animal Running Club) – accepted unanimously on a motion by John,	

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	seconded by Anita	
6. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement) – on hold for the time being. The AoT permit was recalled until there is a correction made to the rules governing the permitting process. A proposed wording change is available for public comment. There will be a public hearing of the rule change on January 24 at NHDES (Concord). Audrey will be contacting Betsy McNaughten of NHFG to work on draft language for the Conservation Easement.	Audrey to contact Betsy McNaughten of NH Fish and Game
	Forest Management Plans updating project – Tucker Brook. Nothing new to report	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing. Nothing new to report. This project is tied to the Osgood Sidewalk Grant which is unsupported by a majority of the BOS. There is petition warrant article to ask for town support to raise the matching funds needed for the 80/20 grant.	
	Melendy Rd tunnel grant – awarded. Andy and Chris met with Rick Riendeau, DPW Director, to discuss next steps and to evaluate the quotes from the culvert contractors. No money can be spent until the RTP funds are released in early-mid spring.	
	Invasives Management Plan (IMP) – Anita continues to work on this document. She will have a draft for the members to review at the February Meeting	Anita to provide a draft Invasives Management Plan
	<b>Open subdivisions</b> Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	
7. Upcoming Events	Jan 13, 2020 – Budget and Bond hearing Feb 1, 2020 - Deliberative Session	
8. Interdepartmental Review	M56L51&52 Saytanides Lot line Adjustment and Subdivision Plan – The MCC members recommend that the wetlands at the east side of the proposed house lots be excluded. This will prevent potential impacts from future landowners. Future plans should include one “Existing Conditions” sheet.	
9. Warrant Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article for the 2020 warrant discussion regarding upping the requested amount from \$20K to \$30K to cover the cost of the Conservation Easement Stewardship Fund. Members remain firm that this easement is a condition of the gravel extraction permit and the stewardship fund should be paid by revenues generated from the removed gravel.</li> <li>The members discussed how to support the petition warrant articles for the two sidewalk grants awarded to the town. The grants provide 80% of the funding for the sidewalks; the remaining 20% (approximately \$150K) must be appropriated by town vote. Chris will ask Lincoln for talking points.</li> </ul>	Chris will ask Lincoln for talking points to support the petition warrant articles

Next Regular Meeting – Feb 13, 2020 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.

2020 Meeting Dates: Mar 12. Apr 9. May 14. June 11. Jul 9. Aug 13. Sept 10. Oct 8. Nov 12. Dec 10

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