

**Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes March 8, 2018 7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present: MEMBERS:** Andy Hughes, Chair; Kim Rimalover, VChair; Anita Stevens, Audrey Fraizer, Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart. David Bosquet excused.

**ALTERNATES:** Rodney Dellafelice, Chris Costantino

**Appointments** – none      The meeting was not recorded due to Winter Storm Riley and difficult travel for videographer

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. January 2017 Meeting Minutes approval	No meeting in February due to a severe winter storm. The members unanimously approved the January 2018 meeting minutes on a motion by Audrey, seconded by Janet.	
2. Memberships	The members approved the reappointment of Anita, Andy and David until 2021. These members do not need to appear before the BOS.	Chris will send reappointment memos to Tina for the March 26 BOS meeting
3. Upcoming events	a. March 13 -Town Vote b. April 7 - Saving Special Places. Audrey is registered to attend. c. April 14 - Sustainability Fair - Wilton	a. Chris will cover until Audrey can attend at 3:30pm. Chris to send the voting day sign to the members. Anita to post on the MCC Facebook page and Audrey to post on the Milford Residents FB page  b. No action needed  c. Chris will find out about cost and availability for the MCC to participate. Anita will check if she can cover the table. Audrey will help at the table and/or attend the round table.
4. Melendy Country easement final review	The members reviewed the easement. We need to do a better job of tracking changes and versions so that we are only ever looking at outstanding edits; not the entire history of edits.	Chris to send comments to Melendy Ass'n and attorney
5. Timber harvest at Great Brook	The members discussed a possible timber harvest on the open space of Great Brook Condos (ML41-40-04). We have been offered access from 302 Mason Rd (ML 41-84). The members decided to not pursue it.	Chris to contact Dave Wheeler
6. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat Hike	a. January 27 hike report. Very icy at Patch Hill. Slow but good hike b. February 24 hike at Souhegan River Trail East – Kim. SRT East to be done only in snow cover so we can walk without mud or brambles. Bridges have been moved due to recent flooding. Jon's bridge was replaced by Steve Erdody, Jason Clark, Andy Hughes and Chris c. March 24 – Brox David to lead	

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7. Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF – no action until after vote on March 13</li> <li>b. Forest Management Plans - David – tabled. David excused from meeting</li> <li>c. Open subdivisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Falcon Ridge</li> <li>ii. Autumn Oaks - easement</li> <li>iii. Spaulding – the subdivision got conditional approval on Feb 27, 2018. In future, we must have Easement language in a timely fashion. Monumentation be placed in the open space along the western boundary of lot 20-2-6 by the developer, with MCC signs provided by MCC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8. Interdepartmental review	<p>Tonella Road – 43-24 posted in dropbox&gt;concomm&gt;meeting&gt;IDR&gt;tonella townhouse</p> <p>COMMENTS to Planning Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Schedule a site walk with the planning department</li> <li>b. Do not cut trees on the slope into the wetland</li> <li>c. Not only use native plants, but consider using climate resilient plants suggested by the MCC.</li> <li>d. What method is planned for the erosion control measures? Will probably need more than silt fencing as mentioned in the plan</li> <li>e. Why is the ledge being cut?</li> <li>f. Consider using terraced gabions on the steep slope on the west side of the site behind the townhouses</li> <li>g. Include a fence or barrier installation to keep snow piles from the wetland</li> </ul>	<p>Chris to write IDR memo to PB after review</p> <p>Anita to provide a planting list to include in the IDR memo</p>
9. Work session	Schedule policy and procedure manual review	No movement on this
10. Conservation Easement at Brox	<p>The members discussed the conservation easement for the open space on the Brox Community Lands which is a condition of the reclamation/gravel operation. Audrey talked with Chris Wells of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy, who appear reluctant to hold the easement at Brox. Chris talked with Rich Cook of NHF&amp;G who outlined the steps that we need to take for them to hold the easement. There is a Lands Team which evaluates projects to determine eligibility and then the property is advanced to the Conservation Land Stewardship Program at the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives who will determine the cost to us for the State to hold the easement. There is a difference of opinion amongst the Members over who should pay the stewardship fee to whoever will hold the easement; this is typically a \$15-20,000 one-time fee. Yvonne Beran and Chris are working on an ARM Fund grant application to cover the cost of the easement. Chris was tasked with getting some answers for questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Can we use ARM funds to cover the cost of this easement</li> <li>b. What is the timeline for the easement to be recorded? What are the expectations of NHF&amp;G for this easement?</li> </ul>	Chris to get answers to members' questions.

Next Regular Meeting – April 12, 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