

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 9, 2020 7:00pm Zoom Meeting Room

In light of the COVID 19 (corona virus) social distancing advised by the Governor and CDC, the Town of Milford, following a declaration of emergency by the Conservation Commission Chair, provided meeting participation via telephone conference. The meeting was streamed on Granite Town Media, Government Channel 21:
<http://gtm.milford.nh.gov/CablecastPublicSite/watch/2?channel=2> .

Members

Andy Hughes, Chair
John Yule Vice Chair
Anita Stevens
Audrey Fraizer
Excused: Hub Seward, Kim Rimalover, Janet Urquhart, David Bosquet,

Rodney Dellafelice(Alt),
Chris Costantino(Alt)

Appointment – 7:00 Mr. Farwell presented information regarding his request to impact the wetland buffer on his property, ML56-62-1. The state has advised Mr. Farwell that they would not approve a wetland permit for him to install a culvert in the wetland. He can avoid the wetland by going around the wetland. Due to the surrounding landscape with some steep sections and ledge, Mr. Farwell would like to use part of the wetland buffer for his driveway. After discussion, the members support his request with two conditions that 1) Mr. Farwell does not pave the section of the driveway that is located within the wetland buffer, and 2) he grade the driveway so that stormwater runoff will sheet away from the wetland. Mr. Farwell accepts both of the conditions. He intends to install siltation measures to protect the wetland. Chris will write a memo regarding the MCC decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, before whom Mr. Farwell is appearing on July 16.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	Approval of June 11 meeting minutes was unanimously approved on a motion by John, seconded by Rodney.	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	a. June 27 hike – Audrey led a hike at Patch Hill. The attendees were grateful to resume our normal schedule. b. July 25 – Audrey will lead this hike and will notify Chris and Anita of the location	Audrey will decide where she would like to hike. John/Anita/Chris will manage the various media
3. Zachary Naun	Zachary is an Eagle Scout candidate looking for a project. He read through our wish list and proposed creating and installing a foot golf course. Chris suggested to him that he approach the Recreation Department, which might be a better fit for this project. The members agreed with this recommendation.	
4. Patty Liamos	Scout project to install 4 bat boxes at a location of our choice. The members suggested several locations: Hitchiner Pavilion, power lines knoll at Tucker Brook TF, Keyes Field, MCAA fields, Kaley Park, Osgood Pond, Heron Pond. It is too late to install the boxes to benefit the bats this season. We have time to consider the best location for these boxes.	Andy asked the members to have a final recommendation at the August meeting. Chris will contact Patty Liamos to learn if the scouts will provide posts for the bat houses.
5. Heron Pond	Broken beaver flow device. The members continue to work toward a solution to this problem	
6. Rotch TF beaver dam	The members decided that Labor Day weekend would be a suitable time to breach the dam, lowering the water sufficiently to measure and install materials to keep the water moving	Chris will contact Nature Groupie to promote the day and project

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	downstream.	
7. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). We are still in a holding pattern until there is an AoT permit for the gravel extraction and reclamation of the Brox sand pit. Andy, Audrey and Chris met to discuss next steps.	Audrey will draft a letter to the BOS, to be reviewed by MCC members, stating our interest in continuing the work for a conservation easement on the open space. She will also provide a copy of the draft Conservation Easement she received from NH F&G
	Forest Management Plans updating project – Tucker Brook. Continued to a future meeting	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – on hold until completion of the Melendy Crossing	
	Melendy Rd tunnel grant - MUP 1. The project has been green-lighted by the NH Trails Bureau, the funding agency 2. There is a backlog of work, so the culvert will not be completed and ready for installation until mid-October 3. A cost-saving measure could be the removal of the drain under the culvert. Chad Brannon, Fieldstone Land Consultants, offered to meet the prospective culvert installer at the site to discuss this option. Audrey would like a site visit.	Chris will set up a site visit for early morning next week; to include Chad Brannon, the prospective culvert installer, Rick Riendeau and other interested parties.
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Some of the lots have been monumented Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	
4. Interdepartmental Reviews	M14L3 589 Elm Street proposed distribution center for a fleet of Amazon vehicles. The land is in the floodplain and is already heavily impacted. 1. The applicant should use best management practices for protection of the wetland buffer while the existing pavement is cleaned/prepared and then re-paved. ML 44/11-1 MVC Eye Care (behind new Cumberland Farms). This has a wetland and buffer impact for access to the property. Discussion is postponed until the August meeting when the applicant will present the project to the MCC Map8Lot50 - 61 North River Road (expansion to add waiting room for auto repair shop). No comments	Chris will send comments to the Planning Staff

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

2020 Meeting Dates: Feb14. Mar 14. Apr 11. May 9. June 11, Jul 9. Aug 13. Sept 12. Oct 8. Nov 12. Dec 10

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