

## Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 8, 2020 7:00pm Zoom Meeting Room

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### Members

Andy Hughes, Chair  
Anita Stevens

Rodney Dellafelice (Alt)  
Chris Costantino (Alt)

### Town Representatives

### Guests

Nancy Amato – Milford Thrives Board Member  
Celeste Barr – Milford Thrives Board Member  
Mary Burdett – Milford Thrives Board Member  
Joelle Martin – Milford Thrives Executive Director

Excused: Kim Rimalover, David Bosquet, John Yule, Audrey Fraizer

**Appointment – 7:00** 'Milford Thrives' organization. Board Members and Co- Founder Nancy Amato, Celeste Barr and Mary Burdett were accompanied by Joelle Martin, the Foundation's Executive Director/Co-Founder. *Milford Thrives* is a non-profit 501c3 organization to serve as a Community Connector for Milford's youth, families, and seniors. Programs are designed to build a strong caring community that fosters resilience and connectedness. The board members invited the MCC to partner with their Environment Initiatives. The MCC will be a willing partner. The board members will schedule another meeting with the MCC to present specific ideas.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The September meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Rodney and seconded by Anita	
2. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	a. September 26 – The Rail Trail hike was led by Chris C. Two persons attended, who were interested in the tunnel project b. October 24 - Monson Andy will lead. 8:30am start at the parking area on Federal Hill Road c. November 28 hike – Melendy Underpass project celebration	
4. Rotch TF	Nick Darchik and Chris cancelled the workday. There is too much poison ivy for the volunteers to work safely. Possible solutions to the regular flooding of the trail could be to: 1) move the trail, 2) build a board walk, 3) repair the woods road so that the berm acts as a dam to keep the water in the pond and not on the trail, or 4) other.	Andy/Chris to set a site walk for the members to take a look
5. Warrant articles for 2021	There will not be a request to add funds to the Land Fund Draft Warrant article wording for designate the Rail Trail Fund as a separate fund is still awaiting guidance from the Dept of Revenue Administration	Chris will continue to work with the Finance Director to secure the final wording for the warrant article

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6. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). Still no movement on this CE, which will continue to sit until there is an Alteration of Terrain (AoT) permit issued for the gravel extraction and site reclamation of the Brox property. The town is working toward re-filing the AoT permit application. Chris will contact Lori Sommer who manages the ARM grant which will partially fund the CE to request an extension on the grant deadline.	Chris to send an email to Lori Sommer
	Melendy Rd purchase – ML 52-4-1 – The town is awaiting guidance from BDrescher, Town Attorney, for 1) approval of the Purchase and Sale agreement and 2) whether or not another public hearing needs to be held according to the guidelines of NH RSA 41:14a.	
	Forest Management Plans updating project – Tucker Brook.	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – on hold until completion of the Melendy Rd Tunnel is completed	
	Melendy Rd tunnel project. The work will start on October 13. The Melendy Rd will remain closed until the middle of November. The culvert installation is scheduled for November 2.	
	<b>Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes</b> Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Some of the lots have been monumented Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	
	Brookstone Conservation Easement. No further progress to note	
7. Interdepartmental Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map 044-011-001 MVC Eyecare - Comments: request unpaved supplemental parking behind the building; 2) glad to see the Vermont Wildflower seed mix in the buffer to add diversity to the buffer functionality; 3) wildlife-friendly grates on the catch basins; 4 ) status of the Wetland Permit Application</li> <li>Map 43-30 Powers Street Self Storage. No comment other than to express approval of the landscaping plans.</li> </ul>	

Next Regular Meeting – Nov 12, 2020 @ 7PM.

The venue will be virtual i.e. a Zoom Meeting. If the town's COVID-related requirement for remote mtgs is lifted beforehand, the venue will be the Selectmen's Meeting Room).

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