

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 14 , 2021 7:00pm Zoom Meeting Room

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Present:

Members

Andy Hughes, Chair
John Yule, VChair
Anita Stevens
Rodney Dellafelice

Town Representatives

Chris Costantino (Alt)

Guests

Marie Nickerson – 2nd meeting attended as a prospective MCC member.

Excused: David Bosquet, Kim Rimalover

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The December meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by John, seconded by Anita	
2. Accept TARC donation	The Trail Animals Running Club (TARC) who sponsors the Ghost Train Rail Trail race sent a donation for the Rail Trail for \$6,204.16. This donation was unanimously accepted on a motion by Chris, seconded by John	
3. Faye Richie donation	Faye Richie donated \$500 to the Granite Town Rail Trail Fund. This donation was unanimously accepted on a motion by Chris, seconded by Anita	
4. Membership dues approval	NHANRS - \$30.00 NH Assoc'n of Nat Resource Scientists NHTOA - \$30.00 NH Timberland Owners Association NHACC - \$675.00 SWA - \$100.00 - Souhegan Watershed Association These membership dues were approved on a motion by Anita seconded by Rodney	
5. 4 th Saturday hike	a. December 26 hike cancelled due to holiday plans. b. January hike – Granite Town Rail Trail starting at the DPW trail head	
6. Hitchiner Town Forest Management Plan	2008 was the last Management Plan. We will talk further about this at the February meeting. There are several action items which were identified in the annual NEFF monitoring visit: 1. Pavilion tables need to be repaired from graffiti damage. 2. Grass clippings are being dumped by an abutter at Badger Hill. 3. Members will walk the property and view the management tasks	1.Andy and Chris will investigate the grass clippings in spring. 2.Andy will take a can of spray paint with him on his next visit to Hitchiner. 3.Set up a site visit for the Commission
4. Rail Trail	We have received two comments regarding snowmobile traffic on the rail trail as a result of the new Melendy	Chris to contact Brookline CC about

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Rules	Tunnel. We will need to post some signage that informs snowmobilers that this is a dead-end trail: a sign at the power lines kiosk, a sign at the tunnel, and a sign to prevent snowmobilers from attempting the single track trail around the mobile home park.	possible signage to use for speed and access on the rail trail
5. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement) . Continue discussion with the BOS about the need to budget for the conservation easement stewardship fund.	Chris to contact Mike Marchand at NH F&G
	Melendy purchase – ML 52-4-1. Discussion about paying for this purchase at \$13,000. The members decided to purchase the property for \$13K. This was the decision made in May, it is valuable to the MCC as a protection for the rail trail and as a highly functional wetland. The MCC will request approval of the BOS.	Chris to draft a letter to the BOS regarding this purchase
	Forest Management Plans updating project – Tucker Brook. Work session scheduled for Jan 28 to discuss the management plan recommendations combined with the comments from Matt Tarr and Dan Reed who walked the property with Andy, Anita and Chris in the summer of 2019.	Chris to contact Matt Tarr and Dan Reed for any written recommendations regarding management practices
	Warrant article for 2021 – the reviewed wording is now in the warrant. BoS accepted this and supported it 5-0 for the 2021 Warrant	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – on hold until completion of the Melendy Crossing is completed. Yvonne Beran and Chris are looking at a TAP grant to help pay for the work needed at this crossing.	
	Melendy Rd tunnel project. Nearly completed. Culvert and site work checks have been delivered. Final submission packets are due to the state for reimbursement. Funds were needed more quickly than were being cycled through the grant reimbursement process. Andy authorized Chris to use funds from the Conservation Land Fund. These funds will be replaced with the next reimbursement check and future Ghost Train revenues	Chris to finalize the grant paperwork.
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Some of the lots have been monumented (@May 2020) Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	
	Brookstone Conservation Easement	Chris to check status with Lincoln
6. Interdepartmental Review	M44L6 – St Mary's Bank Minor Subd'n. Burning Bush plants scheduled to be removed. Care needs to be taken. Note 25 on Sheet 8 of 12 should reference the NH DOT Roadside Invasive Plants Best Management Practices. Sections 11-14 address disposal guidelines	Chris to write IDR memos to the Planning Board.
	M47L39 – Clark MSP Home Industry. Incomplete plan: missing topo and soil type data, no stormwater management structures, no erosion control measures shown on the plan	
	M48L30 – Condo Conversion on Federal Hill Rd - no comment	

Next Regular Meeting – February 11, 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.

2021 Meeting Dates: Feb11. Mar 11. Apr 8. May 13. June 10, Jul 8. Aug 12. Sept 9. Oct 14. Nov 11. Dec 9

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