

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021 7:00pm Zoom Meeting Room

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Members

Andy Hughes, Chair
John Yule, Vice Chair
Rodney Dellafelice
Anita Stevens
Marie Nickerson
Andy Seale
Excused: Kim Rimalover

Town Representatives

Chris Costantino (Alt)

Guests

Wade Campbell
Kristie O'Shaughnessy – potential new member
Andrew and Krista Gardent

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The February meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by John, seconded by AndyS	
2. Milford CleanUp Project	<p>Wade Campbell is organizing for the 2021 annual Milford Town CleanUp Event for April 24, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The date for the event is Saturday April 24, 2021 8:00am to 1:00pm• Keyes Park is the staging point with DPW collecting the bags• There will be persons assigned to pick up trash bags left on the side of the road. Or people can bring their trash bags to Keyes.• DPW will manage the trash. People can separate/sort trash if they want• Wade will create and manage a map showing where volunteers will be focusing their clean up efforts.• Anita will work with Wade to coordinate social media posting with the MCC participation in the event• The MCC will combine this cleanup event with the normally scheduled April 4th Saturday Hike. We can include in the Hikers Distribution List email reminder.• Chris and AndyH will look at the trash that Anita has observed at the SRT west. Perhaps we will have a hike on the SRT West with a trash cleanup component. Or, we will just invite volunteers to adopt a trailhead parking area to clean up, rather than a hike.• We will finalize plans at the April MCC meetings	<p>Anita will coordinate MCC participation with Wade</p> <p>Chris and AndyH will look at the trash that Anita has observed at the SRT west</p> <p>All members - Finalize plans at the April MCC meetings</p>
3. 4 th Saturday hike	<p>a. February 27 hike – Brox. Chris cancelled the due to underlying ice and snowstorm conditions</p> <p>b. March 27 –Chris will lead the hike at Brox.</p>	

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The order and matters of this meeting are subject to change without further notice.

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	c. April 24 – coordinate with the Milford Clean up Event	
4. Membership/Officers	Chair – John Yule volunteered to be Chair, which was unanimously and gratefully approved by the members Vice Chair – AndyH. The members unanimously approved a motion by John, seconded by Chris to accept AndyH's offer to be Vice Chair.	
5. Task delegation	AndyH created a spreadsheet of tasks that have been on the MCC radar. He would like us to take on some of the tasks. Andy will put this spreadsheet into google drive for people to edit or volunteer to take on particular tasks. We will continue the discussion at the April meeting.	
6. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). At this point, the conservation easement project is on hold. The Brox gravel /reclamation operation AoT (Alteration of Terrain) permit application has been submitted to NH DES. The AoT division is awaiting feedback from NH F&G. NH F&G is still reviewing the project scope and their data collected on the Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species using the habitat. The NHF&G may suggest mitigation measures for the impacts to the site, which will be incorporated into the AoT permit application.	
	Melendy purchase – ML 52-4-1. Still unresolved. Awaiting notification from the attorney	
	Forest Management Plans updating project – 1) Tucker Brook. Date for a site walk will be discussed at the April meeting - The replacement Tucker Brook TF sign is made. The lettering and finish coat will be done by Brian Hawkins. It can be installed after that at the Whitten Rd entrance.	Brian Hawkins – paint the TBTF Whitten Rd sign letters and apply a finish coat to the sign
	2) Hitchiner TF 2008 was the last Management Plan. We didn't move forward on the 2018 update while we were in the process of finalizing the Conservation Easement on the town forest. NEFF now holds the conservation easement.	Chris will ask Dan Reed, Professional Forester, to write an amendment to the 2008 Forest Management Plan
	Voting Day results - The MCC warrant article requesting authorization to establish a Granite Town Rail Trail Revolving Fund was approved.	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – prep for the next RTP grant round	
	Wetlands Ordinance update – John and Chris are working on this. A draft will be ready soon for the MCC to review.	
	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. Peter Basillierre is tapping the maple trees in the open space. There is debris left from a previous tapper, which needs to be removed and returned, if possible	John will call Dave Wheeler, who may have left the tapping equipment on site. AndyS will assess the amount of cleanup needed
	Brookstone Conservation Easement – no action so far	Chris will get an update from Lincoln Daley
7. Interdepartmental Review.	M3L12 - Gardent alteration of terrain permit application for gravel removal and site prep. Chris accompanied Lincoln Daley (Community Development Director), Jamie Ramsey (Building Inspector), and Jason Cleghorn (Town Planner)	

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	<p>to meet with Andrew and Krista Gardent to better understand the scope of their site alterations. After discussion, Lincoln asked the Gardents to stop moving and removing gravel from the site until after the town and state process have been completed and permits have been issued. The Gardents agreed to stop gravel operations. The culvert for the wetland crossing is existing and in good repair. The silt fencing to protect the wetlands and buffer from site work is installed.</p> <p>M44L6-2 - Starbucks at Lorden Plaza – no comment</p> <p>M48L7&8 - Chappell Lot Line Adjustment (LLA). No comment</p>	
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Next Regular Meeting – April 8, 2021 @ 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: Jan 14, Feb11. Mar 11. Apr 8. May 13. June 10, Jul 8. Aug 12. Sept 9. Oct 14. Nov 11. Dec 9

Adjourned at 8:45