

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes April 8, 2021 7:00pm Zoom Meeting Room

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Members

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

Town Representatives

Chris Costantino (Alt)

Guests

Appointment :

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The March 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Andy H, seconded by Marie	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	a. Report on March 27 hike at Brox which Chris led , attended by two frequent 4 th Saturday hikers. A good walk. b. Forthcoming on April 24:– 4 th Saturday Hike is being subordinated to the Milford Town CleanUp Day event.– It was decided not to 'compete' for participants (more information in Reports below)	Anita is managing the MCC participation with Wade Campbell
3. Trail Easement for SV Boys & Girls Club	The members reviewed the updated Trail Easement on the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club property. The changes are consistent with what the MCC reviewed and accepted	Chris to write and send a letter to the AG's office registering the support of the Commission for the proposed revision
4. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). The AoT permit application for the gravel extraction and pit reclamation is still being reviewed by NH Fish and Game. The NH DES AoT division is awaiting NHFG comments. Neither agency has provided further information about possible mitigation measures, including a conservation easement, for the MCC to consider	
	Melendy purchase – ML 52-4-1. The closing on the property is April 15, 2021. MCC chair John Y will sign his sheet of the purchase agreement prior to the closing. John Shannon, town administrator, will attend the closing bringing John's signature page and the check.	John to sign the purchase agreement. Chris to ready the check
	Town Forests: a. Tucker Brook. • A site walk will take place, including attendance by our Forester Dan Reed, on April 14 at 4:00.	

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

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	<p>Meet at Savage Road parking. The purpose is to review areas of the Burns Lot (and if time allows the Sullivan Lot also) for possible timber cut, in line with the Town Forest's Management Plan recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace missing trailhead sign with Classic Sign b. Hitchiner TF – 2021 update to the 2008 Forest Management Plan. Dan Reed will have a quote for us. 	Will be painted and weatherproofed by Brian Hawkins, Trails Committee chair.
	Trails Committee meeting. The committee met for the first time in a year on April 1. Brian Hawkins is back in the chair and picking up the organizational details of the committee. This meeting included all the Trail Managers and most of the Trail Stewards. There are several tasks identified which the committee and volunteers will complete.	
	Invasive Species Management Plan – Anita and Marie continue to work on this. Anita continues to create a document that isn't too heavy on resources, yet informative for landowners. She will flesh out her draft table of contents for the members to review and discuss. Broad sections of the Plan would include inventory, control, management, and outreach	
	Milford CleanUp project, April 24 th – Anita continues to coordinate with Wade Campbell, the organizer for the town-wide CleanUp day. She is posting on social media platforms.	Anita to provide Chris with her message for inclusion on the 4 th Saturday Hike blind copy distribution list
	Wetland Overlay District update – John/Chris No action taken to date.	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – prep for the next RTP grant round. Members will discuss actions already taken and what needs to be re-done or designed.	Chris will assemble all the material generated to date regarding this crossing for circulation before, and discussion at, May meeting
	<p>Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes</p> <p>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Some of the lots have been monumented – No change from March mtg report</p> <p>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space. – No change from March mtg report</p> <p>Brookstone Conservation Easement . The easement is being reviewed by John Rattigan, town attorney</p>	
5. Interdepartmental Review. The Plans are in google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1ucNk-5lq-8YkYivcTk11qScu5jH9QtCQ	<p>M26L169 – conversion of Old Cabinet Building to residential units. No comments or objections.</p> <p>M13L3-1 - Poodle Crossing Garage addition to the site. No comments or objections.</p> <p>M6L42-1 - Hitchiner solar array. There is no Plan in the packet. Members have several questions regarding vegetation management, fencing, lighting, noise impact , site work and stabilization measures. Ask the Planning Board to require a normal Development Plan from the applicant.</p>	Chris to send report(s) of discussions to Planning Board.

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6. Nonpublic Session per NH RSA 91-A:3.II.d	The members unanimously approved holding a nonpublic session for discussion at 9:00pm. The members unanimously approved sealing the minutes after leaving the non-public session at 9:30pm.	
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Next Regular Meeting – May 13, 2021 @ 7PM.

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

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