

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021 7:00pm Zoom Meeting Room

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Present:

Members

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

Town Representatives

Kim Rimalover
Lincoln Daley, Comm Dev Director

Guests

Ken Robinson, Fieldstone LS
James Hesselbeck, Revision Energy
Ted Arcidi, Ryefield Properties LLC

Appointment : 7:00. James Hesselbeck, Revision Energy. JHesslebeck is a project manager for Revision Energy. He was very helpful answering questions about solar array installations. He elaborated on questions and responses provided for the May 4th Planning Board’s discussion about the Hitchiner Solar Array project. He will be a good resource for future questions about solar installations. He offered a tour of the completed Hitchiner installation to the members.

7:30 – Ken Robinson of Fieldstone Land Services. Wetland and buffer impact for driveway access to M6 L41-1 on Savage Road. This driveway access is using an existing road which already has two wetland crossings. The first wetland crossing nearest to Woodward Drive will be a fill to repair what appears to be a rut in a wet area. The second crossing will have a 1,060sqft wetland impact and a 312sqft buffer impact with a 24”x 25’ corrugated embedded culvert. The members unanimously approved this Minimum Expedited Wetland Permit application on a motion by Chris, seconded by Marie. Chris will arrange a meeting between Fieldstone Staff and John to sign the wetland permit application. Lincoln Daley reminded KRobinson that the applicant will need to make an appointment with the BOS for permission to build a house without frontage and with the ZBA for the wetland buffer impact.

8:00 – Ted Arcidi, landowner of Ryefield Property(M7L10). Mr. Arcidi accepted an invitation by the MCC and Lincoln Daley to attend tonight’s meeting. He took the opportunity to explain his actions and intentions to reclaim and improve the agricultural functionality of the property, which he purchased in February 2020. The previous owner had begun site preparations to construct a golf course, which isn’t necessarily conducive to good cropland. Mr. Arcidi has spent the last year amending soil, cutting back encroaching edges, and improving existing infrastructure. This activity has generated a lot of questions from local residents and members of the Souhegan River Local Advisory Commission, many of whom attended this meeting. Mr. Arcidi has been working with staff at NH DES (Department of Environmental Services) and NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Services) to restore agricultural functionality to the property. The comments and questions were offered as recommendations to continue to work with the experts at the various state and federal agencies, particularly as pertains to restoring/enhancing the riparian buffer to protect the Souhegan River bank and shoreline.

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Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The April meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by John, seconded by Rodney	
2. Meeting location	The town hall reopens on May 17. The members discussed resuming in-person meetings. The consensus is that we will begin to meet in person. Those who wish or require, may continue to attend meetings remotely.	Chris to set this up with Chris Gentry, Media Director
3. 4 th Saturday hike	<p>a. April 24 – 4th Saturday Hike and Milford Town CleanUp Day combined – a lot of trash was collected on this day. Good work, Wade Campbell. (also see Reports)</p> <p>b. May 22 – AndyH will lead a birding walk along the Souhegan River. Meet at the MCAA fields at 8:30am</p>	
4. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). There was a phone discussion between town staff and NHF&G staff regarding the AoT permit application that the town has submitted to move gravel at the Brox property. NHF&G is still reviewing the permit application and discussing mitigation measures to compensate the possible impact on the threatened and endangered species using the property.	
	Melendy purchase – ML 52-4-1. Completed. The recorded deed is in the vault.	
	<p>Town Forests:</p> <p>a. Tucker Brook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The members discussed the April 14 site visit to TBTF with Dan Reed, Professional Forester who helps guide the MCC decisions regarding town forest management. AndyH created a map showing the suggested areas for a possible timber harvest this winter. The members decided to have a work session on May 20 at 6:00PM to discuss this more fully. Replacement trailhead sign is at Brian Hawkins' house for him to paint. <p>b. Hitchiner TF – 2021 update to the 2008 Forest Management Plan. The members unanimously approved, on a motion by Chris, seconded by AndyH, that Dan Reed will complete an update to the 2008 Hitchiner Town Forest Management Plan. The cost is \$575.00</p> <p>c. Mayflower Hill – bad behavior near the lookout. Police and state forest ranger investigating timber trespass. An individual was observed cutting a tree at the lookout. The man ran down the hill to Perkins St where he was observed by a second trail steward. Photos were taken of the license plate and were provided to law enforcement.</p>	Chris will send a calendar reminder of the work session
	Trails Committee – The Trails Committee met on May 6. Trails are in good shape.	

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	Kim R reported activity and weak trees along the SRT behind the Boys and Girls Club. Lincoln Daley said that he would take a look at the new woods stage.	
	Milford Town Clean-up Day– Anita report that it was a successful day. Many bags and pounds of trash were collected	
	Wetland Overlay District update – John and Chris continue to work on this update	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – AndyH has a cost estimate of \$25K for signage and equipment. Chris has an estimate of \$20K to do the site work. The members agreed with Lincoln Daley to separate the Armory Rd crossing from the larger Armory/Melendy/Osgood Rd sidewalk plan grant application. Perhaps the smaller, less costly project might be approved.	Chris will submit the grant applications to Sherry Dutzy, local state representative
	Invasives Species Management Plan – Anita and Marie. Tabled until June because of the late hour	
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Some of the lots have been monumented (last updated <?>) Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	
	Brookstone Conservation Easement - Work session to discuss the Conservation Easement on May 20 at 6:00PM	
5. Interdepartmental Review. The Plans are in google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X5Ykad4p3jPfWewPZml0LWqv5gWH4_5	M6L33 Savage Rd Self Storage Units. Anita noted that several plants in the landscaping plan are species of invasive concern: recommend selection of different plants; use wildlife friendly grates on stormwater drains; leave the emergent birches and poplars; use pollinator wildflower/grass mix to stabilize the slopes rather than a grass seed mix. M15L15-1 Shattuck Paving Design/Conceptual Review. Need to make an existing conditions plan particularly to locate Tucker Brook and its 50' buffer; Level 1 Aquifer Protection Zone; proximity to Tucker Brook and the Souhegan River; augment plantings to improve buffer functionality to protect Tucker Brook from potential hazardous material release	Chris to send Memos to Planning Board with MCC's comments
6. Nonpublic Session per NH RSA 91-A:3.II.d	Non-public to approve the April nonpublic meeting minutes. Tabled until the June meeting due to the late hour of this meeting	

Meeting adjourned at 10:10PM

Next Regular Meeting – June 10, 2021 @ 7PM. NOTE: This will be an in-person in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Virtual (remote) access will still be available via Zoom. Access details will be included on that meeting's posted Agenda

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