

Milford Conservation Commission July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm BOS Meeting Room

Members

John Yule, Chair
Andy Hughes
Anita Stevens
Andy Seale
Marie Nickerson (via Zoom)

Town Representatives

None

Guests

Chris Gentry

Excused: Rodney Dellafelice, Kim Rimalover, Chris Costantino

Appointments : None

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The members unanimously approved the June meeting minutes on a motion by Andy S, seconded by Andy H	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	<p>a. June 26 – hike was cancelled due to lack of a leader.</p> <p>b. Members discussed how to support this ongoing outreach project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Seale will lead hikes but would prefer to be the leader for one specific trail• Ask Rodney whether he would be willing to lead• Andy, John and Chris are willing to lead hikes• Steve Erdody has led hikes in the past.• Contact the Trails Committee and ask whether any of them would be prepared to be added to the list of potential leaders. <p>Andy Seale suggested making videos about each trail. This was welcomed by all and led to a long discussion where Chris Gentry showed us one of the trail videos that he had created for Bedford NH. He will send a YouTube link to Chris C for circulation to all members so that they can review these videos. The topic will be then discussed again at the August meeting to discuss how to move forward.</p>	<p>Andy H; work with Chris to find location and leader for July 24th hike</p> <p>Chris C: Reach out to Brian Hawkins re last bullet point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Gentry: send YouTube link to Chris C who will circulate it to Members• Chris C: Add discussion to August Agenda.
3. TAFW* Community Conservation	Members agreed that in principle this is something we would like to participate in. There are three immediate	Chris C:

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<p>Cohort Training</p> <p>(*Taking Action For Wildlife', run by UNH)</p>	<p>issues to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum requirement of 3 participants from each town. Marie is interested in doing this, as is volunteer Yvonne Beran. Need one more 2. The training will take place in live sessions (via Zoom) but take place in the week during normal working hours; this may be an issue for anyone with 'regular' job. 3. A community project is required. The Commission must be prepared to provide support for this. <p>It was decided to discuss this at the July 22nd Worksession</p>	<p>1) (If necessary) book venue for mtg</p> <p>2) Send Google Calender invitation</p>
<p>4. Reports</p>	<p>BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). – Nothing to report, no change from last month</p> <p>Town Forests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tucker Brook. – Discussed potential upcoming timber harvest. Members voted unanimously in favour of a motion to go ahead with a Timber Harvest this year, or early next year, on Burns Lot. This will not be a cut of the entire lot. The detail of where to cut will be discussed in the coming weeks with Dan Reed and members. Public outreach will then be done to apprise town citizens of the work to undertaken, particularly its emphasis on wildlife diversity enhancement, with the revenue objective being only to at least break even. <p>a. Hitchiner TF – 2021 update to the 2008 Forest Management Plan. Dan Reed is working on this – No progress known to report</p> <p>b. Mayflower Hill – Milford PD have closed this case (of illegal felling of a tree on the property)</p> <p>Wetland Overlay District update – review No progress to report</p> <p>Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – discuss funding options No progress to report. Discuss again at next month's meeting</p> <p>Invasives Species Management Plan – work session report and next steps:- A work session was conducted on this topic on Thurs June 25th Present were John Y, Andy H, Rodney D and the report authors, Anita S & Marie D, who presented their working draft. Several recommendations were suggested, and Anita & Marie are continuing to work on those, particularly a 'top 10' list of invasives.</p> <p>Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes (None since last mtg)</p> <p>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots.</p> <p>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space</p> <p>Brookstone Conservation Easement - has moved to the Town Counsel for review - No progress to report</p>	<p>ChrisC : Work with forester Dan Reed and Commission members to set up a site visit to determine in detail the areas to be cut.</p>
<p>5. Interdepartmental Review.</p>	<p>None this month</p>	
<p>6. Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned 8.05pm</p>	

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Next Regular Meeting – August 12, 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