

**Milford Conservation Commission August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm BOS Meeting Room**

**Present:**

Members

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

Town Representatives

Laura Dudziak, BoS representative

Guests

Appointments : None

Item	Discussion	Notes
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The July 2021 minutes were unanimously approved by the members who attended, with a motion by Marie which was seconded by Anita.	
2. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	a. July 24 hike to see the falls at Tucker Brook Town Forest was led by AndyH. It was a good hike with several attendees with their dogs. b. August 28 hike. Chris will lead at Tucker Brook North.	Continue to search for additional hike leaders
3. Groundwater Overlay District	Discussion of proposed zoning change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have current landowners been notified of this change?</li><li>• There should be an annual notification to the landowner of record of this restriction</li><li>• Property deeds or records should reflect this restriction on the property</li></ul>	Chris will check to see if current landowners have been notified by certified mail? Chris will draft answer/response for the BOS and distribute to the members for review
4. Osgood Road Sidewalk project	a. The town has received an extension on the CMAQ grant award. Advocates for this project have until the March Vote to promote this project b. Advocacy ideas: Grassroots advocacy will be the most effective: 1) Pumpkin Festival; 2) Facebook information; 3) coordinated effort between partners; 4) Rec Department; 5) Medical/Insurance advocacy for exercise prescription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ChrisC will talk to Chris Buchanan who successfully got a sidewalk project approved in Amherst</li><li>• Meet with the Rec Commission.</li><li>• Discussion for the next work session (Aug 26) at 6:00PM</li></ul>
5. Subdivision/Open space	How to prevent wholesale tree removal in future subdivision developments. Could we provide some incentives to the developer/landowner to keep trees on the parcel during the planning phase and site work. It might be productive to talk with a landowner to understand landowner site development process.	Discussion at the work session on August 26 at 6:00PM
6. Trail Videos	Discussion of development trail videos per minutes from July meeting. Wait until we get accepted into the 'Taking Action for Wildlife (TAFW)' program before we invest anymore in this.	ChrisC will find the trail video link.
7. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). –	

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	<p>a. Mooseplate grant application for costs of anticipated Conservation Easement – ask for \$60K</p> <p>b. Nothing new to report from last month regarding progress of the State review of the Town's application for Extraction Permit</p>	
	<p><b>Town Forests:</b></p> <p>a. Tucker Brook. – further discussion of the upcoming timber harvest.</p> <p>b. Hitchiner TF – 2021 update to the 2008 Forest Management Plan. Dan Reed is working on this; nothing new to report</p>	Chris will arrange a site walk with Dan for TB timber harvest in September 18 at 1:00.
	Review of Wetland Overlay District update (as e-mailed to members on Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> ). <b>Work session on Aug 26 at 6:00PM</b>	Chris will put the old/original version in gdrive
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing –funding options. No progress to report. Discuss again at next month's meeting. This could be part of the Osgood Rd Sidewalk Project. CMAQ grant money may still be available.	See Item #4 Chris: Add discussion to Sept. mtg agenda
	Invasives Species Management Plan. Anita contacted Doug Cygan who directs the NHDES Invasives Program for permission to use his photos in our management plan. DCygan wants to review and approve our Plan prior to release of his photos. At our next meeting, we will prioritize the invasives species for management. The members will take the photos for Anita at her request once the top 10 list is determined.	Anita will continue to work on the Plan. She will distribute her list of the 10 species of most management concern for the members to evaluate
	<p><b>Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes</b> (None since last mtg)</p> <p>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots.</p> <p>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space</p>	
	Brookstone Conservation Easement - has moved to the Town Counsel for review - MOU for management responsibilities is being drafted by Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director.	
	TAFW* Community Conservation Cohort Training *Taking Action for Wildlife – application. We are (unexpectedly) awaiting acceptance into the program (due to more applications than expected).	
8. Interdepartmental Review.	<p>Wheeler Street 3 lot subdivision – M30L19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anita noticed that the Burning Bush is still on the landscaping plan. Sheet 8 of 21. Landscape notes. Chart refers to Dwarf burning bush which is a prohibited species by the State of NH of 2007.</li> <li>Potential erosion issues with the house lot nearest to the ravine. Would like to see some sort of erosion control measures to protect the ravine which is being used as part of the stormwater drainage</li> <li>Does the private road preclude subdivision? Can you subdivide without frontage on a public road?</li> </ul>	Chris to write and send response to Planning Board
9. NH FG Land share program	New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) has a sign program to help communities promote their state lands. The members would like to hear Mark Beauchesne's presentation at the September meeting.	Chris will invite Mark Beauchesne to attend our September meeting.
10. Adjournment	Members unanimously approved a motion by Rod, seconded by Marie to adjourn at 8:55PM	

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Next Regular Meeting – September 9, 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: Feb 11. Mar 11. Apr 8. May 13. June 10, Jul 8. Aug 12. Sept 9. Oct 14. Nov 11. Dec 9