

Milford Conservation Commission October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm BOS Meeting Room

Present:

Members

John Yule, Chair
Andy Hughes, VChair
Anita Stevens
Kim Rimalover, Rodney Dellafelice: excused

Town Representatives

Marie Nickerson
Andy Seale
Chris Costantino (Alt)

Guests

Appointments :

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The September meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Andy Hughes, seconded by Andy Seale	Chris will post the minutes on the town website
2. 4 th Saturday hike	a. September 25 Hike – cancelled due to no leader available b. October 23 Hike – AndyH will lead the hike at Tucker Brook North. Meet at the Savage Rd parking area.	
3. NHACC annual conference	Marie registered herself to attend the Zoom event. Other expressed interest.	Marie will send Chris her registration information for reimbursement from the trailing fund
4. Warrant Article 2022	Discussion about the need to submit a warrant article to ask voters to authorize the paying in of funds the Granite Town Rail Trail Fund that was established at the 2021 Town Meeting. Some members expressed incredulity that the Town Vote's authorization of the Fund as a financial entity did not include the ability to pay money into it.	Chris will research the need for this additional warrant article.
5. Frog Pond and Falcon Ridge Open Space	Chris met with Jennifer Beck and Alan Preston, members of the Wilton CC, to discuss management of Frog Pond and the field in the Falcon Ridge Open Space. The members discussed and decided that we wish to continue to manage this field for wildlife, not hay production. Chris contacted the Trombly family who hays the field for the Commission. They are willing to continue to hay the field on a yearly basis for wildlife habitat.	Chris will contact the Wilton CC members to let them know what we have decided.
6. Ghost Train Ultra Trail Races and the 15-Miler	October 15-17. There are 300 runners registered for the races. There are still volunteer opportunities available, particularly during the night hours. The funds will be applied to the Land Fund to replace those withdrawn to pay for the Melendy Tunnel	Marie and Chris will be working at the race during the weekend.
7. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). The AoT permit application is still under review. The window of time in September set by NHF&G for the silt	Chris will continue to attend the staff meeting and report to the Commission members.

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	fence installation was not met, so there will not be any gravel extraction this winter season.	
	Town Forests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tucker Brook. AndyH and Chris met with Dan Reed on October 2, 2021. Other members were unable to attend. Dan supplied AndyH and Chris with a proposed timber harvest plan and a work order for the MCC to sign at the October meeting. After receiving the work order, Dan will work on a more detailed plan to present at the November MCC meeting. <p>a. Hitchiner TF – 2021 update to the 2008 Forest Management Plan. Dan Reed completed the addendum. Members will review it for the work session</p>	<p>Chris will send a digitized copy of Dan's map to the members. To be further discussed at the October 28 work session</p> <p>Discussion at the Work session on October 28</p>
	Wetland Overlay District update – The members reviewed the update and have no further edits. There was further discussion regarding the increase of the buffer. Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director, suggested that we focus on the increase to 100' for the higher functioning wetlands/surface waters that are already protected with a 50' buffer. The members decided to retain our recommendation for an across-the-board buffer increase, in common with many other towns in the region, from 25' to 50'.	Chris will send the draft to Jason Cleghorn, Town Planner, for his distribution to the Planning Board, for their review.
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – nothing new to report	
	Invasives Species Management Plan – Anita continues to work on this. She is having a hard time limiting herself to the 10 most important species to manage	
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space No changes in status for either since last mtg	
	Brookstone Conservation Easement - No progress to report –	
8. Work session	Work session scheduled for October 28 at 6:00 in the OCD area of the Town Hall	Chris will send an email invitation to the members
9. Interdepartmental Review.	Map56L51 - Scenic Rd impact review . Members had no comments	
10. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm	

Next Regular Meeting – November 11, 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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