

Milford Conservation Commission December 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room

Members

Andy Hughes, Acting Chair Chris Costantino (Alt)
Kim Rimalover;
Anita Stevens
Marie Nickerson
Excused: Andy Seale; John Yule, Chair; Rodney Dellafelice

Town Representatives

Guests

Dan Reed, NEFF Forester
Chag Branon, Fieldstone Engineer
Paula Maclellan

Appointments :

7:00 Dan Reed, Forester. Presentation and discussion of the Tucker Brook Town Forest (TBTF) timber bids. Dan had emailed a summary of the 6 bids he received from the 16 he distributed to loggers to harvest the timber at TBTF prior to the meeting for Members review. At the meeting, he outlined each bid without releasing names for us to discuss. We chose Hopkinton Forestry. They had the highest bid and are willing to redistribute slash back into the forest, not a usual result of Whole Tree Harvesting methods. Our ultimate goal is to improve the wildlife habitat in the town forests and were resolved to use Cut to Length methods which leave slash on the skid trails. Mike Sebas sent an email with certain requests about particular trees and a glacial erratic. Dan will work with the logger to find a compromise where appropriate, adheres to the contract, and provides the best wildlife habitat outcome.

7:30 Chad Branon (Fieldstone Land Consultants) and Paula Maclellan. Paula Maclellan, landowner of Parcel 002-028-002, would like to access her property over Town-owned land Parcel 002-029-000, also known as Hartshorn Pond. She will incur a sizeable wetland impact and potential landscape impacts with a Hartshorn Brook crossing and 2,000ft driveway over steep terrain if she accesses her property from Rt. 13. Ms. Maclellan has offered to put the northern 6+ acres of her property into a conservation easement in exchange for access across the Town-owned land, approximately 19,000sqft impact. The MCC members voted to accept this proposal and support her efforts to accomplish this. Chris will send a copy of the Brown Conservation Easement to CBranchon.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The November meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Anita and seconded by Marie	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	November 27, 2021 – became a site walk of the proposed Tucker Brook TF timber harvest. One member of the public attended the site walk along with John, AndyH, Anita, Marie and Chris. Dec 25 – no hike due to the Christmas holiday	
3. Accept donations	The members accepted \$968.00 in donations to the Conservation Fund in memory of Hub Seward, a 30 year member of the MCC from Kathy and Mark Parenti, Rodney and Faith Richey, Bill and Kathy Parker, Karl and Sue Dalhen, the family of Peg Seward, Rick and Sheila Blaze, friends of the Seward Family, and the Milford Lions Club . The members will consider a suitable memorial for Hub and discuss the same with his wife, Peg. The members also accepted a donation of \$2729.83 from the TARC running club to be put into the newly	

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	established Granite Town Rail Trail Revolving Fund	
4. Warrant Article 2022	The warrant article will request \$25,000 to be put into the Conservation Fund. Chris will meet with the BAC.	
5. Brown Timber harvest access	The members reviewed the Map3Lot6 access agreement drafted by Patrick Kenney, Tin Mountain Logging. He will be logging the parcel on behalf of the Browns. His crew will need more than the 15' driveway to accommodate his equipment. The members had some edits and questions.	Chris will send MCC comments to Patrick Kenney.
6. Armory Rd Sidewalk Project	The project has been removed from the NH DOT funding queue as a result of Executive Councilor Dave Wheeler's influence without knowledge of Milford residents working to push this project to acceptance and approval	
7. Continue to hold Zoom meetings?	We will continue to hold Zoom meetings for the convenience of the public.	
8. GTRT Revolving Fund	The members voted and unanimously approved a motion by Chris and seconded by Kim, to put the TARC donation into the GTRT revolving fund.	
9. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement. The AoT permit application is still under review.	
	Town Forests: Tucker Brook. Discussion of the timber harvest bids. See above report of Dan Reed's appointment.	
	Wetland Overlay District (WOD) update – Work session with the PB at Nov 30 and December 2 resulted in changes to the WOD that reflect the newly updated state rules, to which our ordinance references. The discussion about expanding the wetland buffer will be continued during 2022 work between the land use boards. Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director, proposes establishing a Joint Land Use Committee to review all the land use regulations, both Zoning Ordinances and the Subdivision Regulations.	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – nothing new to report	
	Invasives Species Management Plan – Anita prepared a flyer about the 10 most important invasive species and their management. We will work on distributing this on social media and at the Town Hall.	
	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 - Lincoln is finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement, incorporating our suggestions. It should go to the town attorney for review by December 8	
10. Work session	No work session for December.	
11. Interdepartmental Review.	Map44 Lot6-3&4 Brief discussion that resulted in no comments	

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12. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 9:15.	
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Next Regular Meeting – January 13, 2022 @ 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

2022 Meeting Dates: Jan 13. Feb 10. Mar 10. Apr 14. May 12. June 9, Jul 14. Aug 11. Sept 8. Oct 13. Nov 10. Dec 8