

Milford Conservation Commission April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room

Members

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

Town Representatives

Laura Dudziak, BOS representative

Guests

Nancy Chalder
Marilyn Edmundson
Lee Gilman
Spencer Tate – Meridian Land Services
Nye Horner – Amherst Label

Appointments :

Milford Garden Club and Emerson Park Knotweed problem. Marilyn Edmundson, Nancy Chalder and Lee Gilman appeared on behalf of the Milford Garden Club, which maintains Emerson Park. There is a knotweed cluster along the riverbank which they would like to remove. Lee Gilman is a licensed herbicide applicator. He provided a treatment plan for the 2022 growing season. Additional treatments are anticipated for following years. The Garden Club was hoping to receive funding for this project from the Nees Bequest, which is managed by the Conservation Commission. After discussion, the Commission unanimously supported a motion by Kim and seconded by Marie, to use \$1465 from the Nees Bequest to hire Lee Gilman to treat the knotweed in Emerson Park. The Garden Club will provide a report of the treatment and results. This report can be used for future grant applications. The Commission recommended that the Garden Club look for grants to assist in their invasive management plans at Emerson Park.

Amherst Label Special Exception for a Wetland Buffer Impact (Map15Lot15). Spencer Tate, Wetland Scientist from Meridian Land Services, represented Amherst Label. Nye Homer of Amherst Label was present for the discussion. Sam Foisie, engineer for Meridian Land Services presented this project at the March Commission meeting and a subsequent site visit. The MCC comments previously delivered to the Zoning Board of Adjustment prompted some changes to the plants included in the infiltration basin design. Additional *Vaccinium corymbosum* (blueberry), *Aronia arbutifolia* (chokecherry), and *Ilex verticillata* (winterberry holly) plants have been added in the planting plan to mitigate the resource loss of the bull pine which will need to be removed. In addition, the western edge of the infiltration basin will not be maintained. The MCC members had a few more comments for the revised ZBA memo: 1) include the stormwater management plan in the site plan set, 2) design a vegetative border along the eastern edge of the infiltration basin to capture trash blowing off the parking area and ensure that there is a trash management treatment included in the stormwater management plan.

Discussion:

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The March 2022 meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by AndyS which was seconded by Kim	
2. Amherst Label 15 Westchester Drive Map15Lot15	Review changes to the plan that we reviewed at the March meeting as a result of our ZBA memo – see notes above on the 2 nd Appointment	Chris to write Memo to Zoning Board
3. Saving Special Places annual conference	Marie and Chris attended. Members decided to Listen to a video recording of the conference session(s) attended by Marie & Chris in a future Work Session.	

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4. 4 th Saturday hike	Mar 26 – Souhegan River Trail East – AndyH, Rod and Chris led the hike. There were another twelve hikers. Good hike and we may have a new hike leader. April 23 – Brox Community Lands.at 8:30 meeting at the Heron Pond Elementary School parking	
5. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement).	
	Town Forests: Tucker Brook: Timber harvest is complete, including boulder blockage of roadside logging landing, clearance of hiking trail crossings, and replacement of the power pole barrier crosspiece at the Power line entrance on Savage Road Mayflower Hill encroachments –Kim did not see any signs of dumping. She looked for abutters who had Japanese maple trees; leaves were found in the dump site.	Chris to arrange a postharvest tour with Dan Reed. Try for April 23. Chris and Kim will walk the trail to look for current activity
	Elm Trees on Elm Street. The cap for the Fletcher super fund site may limit the available locations for the trees; the available space is too small for the root structure of the Elm trees.	Anita and Marie will tour Elm Street for alternative sites for these trees.
	Wetland Overlay District update – keep on agenda to remember to revisit this with the PB/ZBA in April	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – nothing new to report	
	Joint Land Use Committee – review of the updated Stormwater Ordinance when available	Chris to notify Lincoln Daley that the MCC would like to see the edits following Mike Vignale's work.
	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. Brookstone intends to deed the land to the town. It will need to apply for a variance from the density requirements. The PB and MCC will need to make a recommendation to the BOS. And the BOS will need to accept the land after two public hearings. The MCC supports that land transfer but will not hold a Conservation Easement on the parcel. A deed restriction indicating that this land was to provide density open space and therefore, should continue with the associated limited development rights of a deed restriction	Chris to write a BOS recommendation as required by NH RSA 41:14-a, letter to be reviewed by the members
6. Work session	Work session on April 28 th – Review Work session list (<i>in Google Drive 'Meetings' folder</i>) and rank them to set Priorities	

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7. Interdepartmental Review.	Amherst Label – Map15 Lot15. See 'Appointments' section above	
8. Adjournment	Adjourned at 9:10pm	

Next Regular Meeting – May 12, 2022 @ 7PM. NOTE: This will be an in-person in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Virtual (remote) access may 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