

**Milford Conservation Commission August 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room**

**PRESENT: Members**

John Yule – Chair  
Andy Hughes – VChair  
Rodney Dellafelice  
Kim Rimalover – Zoom  
Anita Stevens - Zoom  
Andy Seale

**Town Representatives**

Marie Nickerson – Zoom  
Chris Costantino (Alt)

**Guests**

Chris Dehile – Eagle Scout Candidate  
Patti Liamos – Eagle Scout Advisor  
Jon Tapply – Eagle Scout Advisor

Appointments : 7:00 Chris Dehile – Chris, an Eagle Scout candidate, presented his project to improve the Mack Easement just north of the Melendy Tunnel on the rail trail. He will improve the existing woods road to the flat area overlooking Ox or Compressor Brook just below the spillway from Compressor Pond on the west side of the Granite Town Rail Trail. In addition, he will construct and install 2 picnic benches. This will involve some clearing of overgrowth and the removal of old barbed wire and wire mesh. This project has been part of the long-range plan for the Rail Trail. Currently, people are accessing this scenic spot by scrambling down/up the steep embankment from the trail grade.

**Discussion:**

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The July 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Andy Seale and seconded by Andy Hughes.	
2. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	July 23 – cancelled for lack of a leader Aug 27 – Granite Town Rail Trail. Andy H will lead the hike starting at 9:00am. Hike will be from the DPW station on South Street. One hour south on the trail and turn around.	
3. Accept Jack Seale donation	The members unanimously approved a motion by Chris, seconded by Rod, to accept a donation from Jack Seale. He had \$402.24 unspent from his fundraising efforts for the new kiosk at the Melendy Tunnel parking area which he wished to donate to the MCC. The money was put into the Rail Trail fund.	
4. Beaver management plan	The beaver management plan was reviewed and discussed in 2014. Members were reminded of this when doing their research for the July 28 work session. Discussion is tabled until the September meeting.	Chris will send notes of the work that the members did in 2014.
5. 2023 Budget	The members reviewed the proposed 2023 budget. The operating costs for the MCC have not changed over the last two years. The members decided to keep the line items and their budgeted amount the same.	Chris will send confirmation to Paul Callabria, Finance Director, of the 2023 MCC Budget

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<p>6. Mooseplate Grant for management plan for the Brox Community Land (M38L58)</p>	<p>The members discussed submitting a grant application to the State Conservation Committee for a Mooseplate Grant. We will request \$30,000 to help fund the work needed by a wildlife biologist to write a Management Plan for the Brox Community Land parcel (M38L58). One of the outcomes is to have guidance for managing the heron pond beaver impoundment to sustain healthy populations of the species using the impoundment while allowing for stormwater storage capacity.</p> <p>Yvonne Beran, who has assisted several of the MCC's grant applications, will work with AndyH and Chris to prepare this grant application; hopefully with the same success as the 2017 Mooseplate grant.</p> <p>Chris and AndyH met with the BOS at their August 8 meeting to discuss this grant application. The BOS approved the MCC decision to apply for this grant. Paul Dargie, the BOS chair, signed the landowner support documentation.</p>	<p>Chris will provide the costs paid to Forest Bell for the NRI work done at Brox.</p> <p>AndyH, Yvonne Beran and Chris will work on the grant application and the RFQ for the Management Plan.</p>
<p>7. NHFG Fish hatchery well cleaning project</p>	<p>The members discussed the permit notification from NHFG and the phone response to the MCC questions. Where is the permit which was submitted to EPA and NHDES?</p>	<p>Chris will call Dianne Timmins, the NHFG well monitoring staff, who notified the MCC of this project.</p>
<p>8. Eagle Scout projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood boxes along Compressor Brook along the Granite Town Rail Trail – AndyS met with the Scout and his advisors on the rail trail. Locations were identified; 2 at Compressor Pond and 2 at Dickerman beaver impoundment. The boxes should be placed away from the trail and where the water level should be deep enough to minimize predation.</li> <li>• Improve the Mack CE on the west side of the Granite Town Rail Trail north of the new tunnel at Melendy Road – see Appointment report above</li> </ul>	<p>Chris will check with the Scout about location.</p> <p>Chris will check with Raymond Mack, landowner of the Mack CE, about the barbed wire and mesh debris to be removed</p>
<p>9. Reports</p>	<p>BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement) Nothing to report</p>	
	<p>Town Forests:</p> <p>Tucker Brook TF – Post-Harvest visit on Sept 24</p> <p>Mile Slip early successional habitat restoration around the parking area</p>	<p>Chris will find reference to invasive species in Eric Radlof's proposed early successional habitat work and in the Forest Management Plan</p>
	<p>Elm Trees on Elm Street – EPA has decided that we can't plant elm trees at the Keyes Park east entrance. Decision was made to put them between 127 Elm and the Keyes Park fields at the July 28 work session, which Bill Widmer, who donated the trees, attended. New</p>	<p>Anita, Marie and Chris will continue the process to get these trees into the ground</p>

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	alternative has been proposed to plant them along the western perimeter of the Skate Park at Keyes Park	
	Wetland Overlay District update – keep on agenda to remember to revisit this with the PB/ZBA in April 2023	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – nothing new to report	
	Joint Land Use Committee – Nothing new to report	
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	Chris will check with Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director, as to the status of the Spaulding subdivision.
10. Work session	A work session is scheduled for August 25th	Chris will send calendar reminder to the members
11. Interdepartmental Review.	M14L10 – Racicot on Elm Street. No comment M5L6 – Page Golden subdivision. No comment M12 Lot 11 – Sooner Auto Sales and Repair. Notes on the landscape plan: Betula nigra is a river birch, not a honey locust; 2) Where is the snow storage, and 3) thank you for the pervious pavers in the stormwater management/landscaping plan.	
12. Adjournment	AndyS moved, AndyH seconded the adjournment at 8:58	

**Next Regular Meeting – September 8, 2022 @ 7PM. NOTE: This will be an in-person in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Virtual (remote) access may 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**