

Milford Conservation Commission November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room

PRESENT:

Members

Town Representatives

Guests

John Yule – Chair

Marie Nickerson via Zoom

Martin Sample, Trails Committee Chair

Andy Hughes – VChair

Chris Costantino (Alt)

Tom Quinn – atty for Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club

Rodney Dellafelice

Paul Amato – Board Member Souhegan Valley B&G Club

Kim Rimalover

Anita Stevens via Zoom

Excused: Andy Seale

Appointments:

7:00: Tom Quinn and Paul Amato. Tom Quinn is drafting the amendment to the Trail Easement that the SVBGC (Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club) donated to the Town of Milford. The SVBGC would like to have vehicular traffic, primarily bus dropoff and pickup, exit the parcel to the west of Milford Lumber, the location of the Trail Easement. In exchange with the extinguishment of this Trail Easement, the SVBGC will provide a comparably sized Conservation Easement on the southern tip of the parcel that overlooks the Keyes Park Stage, across the Souhegan River. Discussion points:

1. Rights of the Grantee Section C should be moved to the Reserved Rights of the Grantor. This allows the SVBGC staff to ask for loiterers to move along. This is not a desired right of the Grantee (the Town of Milford)
2. The document will reserve rights for the SVBGC to install temporary stages etc that support their programming
3. Wording that protects the sidewalk for future access/connectivity with Milford Trails network such as a Walkway Easement.
4. The town, if accepted, will manage the care of the sidewalk. The westerly access/egress will not be paved immediately. It will be cleared by the SVBGC contractors.

7:30: Martin Sample. Trails Committee Chair. Marty presented a summary of the trails' needs that were compiled from the trail steward reports. The trails are in good shape with some bridge work needed. Some of the trail stewards seem to have ghosted the Trails Committee. It may be time for another social media posting to solicit new volunteers. Marty will send an email looking for commitment/recommitment from the current roster of trail stewards.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The September 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Rod which was seconded by John. There was no October meeting	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	October 22, - Kim led a hike at Mayflower Hill. One mishap with a hiker who was able to walk back to her car. November 26 – TBD. This wasn't discussed.	
3. Beaver management plan	Tabled until a future meeting	

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4. 2023 Warrant	Not discussed	
5. Vandalism on the Rail Trail	Seems to have stopped. A frequent hiker spoke with the Vandal using the pretext of informing the individual of this destructive activity. There has been no further bad behavior on the section of trail in Milford that is south of Melendy Road	
6. Rotch Management Plan update – Antioch graduate student project	Lindsay and two other Antioch student/staff have spent several hours studying the Rotch property. Their initial walk was with Karin Lagro, the Trail Manager for the parcel. She is very impressed with their knowledge and passion to accomplish their task	
7. Accept donation	The members unanimously accepted, on a motion by Kim which was seconded by Chris, \$362 from Ghost Train Race Day hat sales. The members unanimously accepted, on a motion by Kim which was seconded by Chris, a donation of \$1000 from Patrick Caron for Move Free Ghost Train gear sales.	
8. Eagle Scout projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Kunish – screech owl boxes at Hitchiner TF, Frog Pond, and Granite Town Rail Trail • Tyler Card • Gene Lemaire – final signage is being determined, ordered and installed • Chris Diehle – completed and would like a review from the MCC. He has funds remaining to donate to the MCC GT Revolving Fund. 	
9. Reports	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement)	
	Town Forests: Mile Slip early successional habitat restoration around the parking area. What are we doing next?	
	Wetland Overlay District update – keep on agenda to remember to revisit this with the PB/ZBA in April 2023	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – AndyH and Chris working on some funding ideas.	
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	

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	No changes in status for either since last mtg	
10. Work session	None until 2023 due to holidays and budget season meetings	
11. Interdepartmental Review.	Map 29L22 Aveni Minor subdivision. No comment	
12. Non-public session		
13. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned on a motion by Chris, seconded by John at 2100. Unanimous approval	

Next Regular Meeting – December 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