

Milford Conservation Commission Dec 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room

PRESENT:

Members

Town Representatives

Guests

John Yule – Chair

Andy Seale

Jonathan Faucher, Eagle Scout Candidate

Andy Hughes – VChair

Chris Costantino (Alt)

Q Subdivision representatives

Rodney Dellafelice

Kim Rimalover

Anita Stevens via Zoom

Excused: Marie Nickerson

Appointment: 7:00: Jonathan Faucher, Eagle Scout Candidate. Bat boxes. Jonathan Foucher is a member of Troop 407. He will be installing 8 bat boxes on Conservation Land or the Rail Trail; finding locations that are best suited to host a bat box. The members had suggestions for installation, site considerations, construction and fund raising. Jonathan will notify us when he is ready for the fundraising so that we can post on our media sites.

7:30: The “Q” Development off Ponemah Hill Rd/South Street – Wetland and buffer impact presentation. The applicants will be presenting their application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception to the wetland buffer impacts incurred on this site. The MCC reviewed the design presented which shows that the applicant intends to use the existing wood roads and existing crossings. The proposed impacts are mostly fill to widen the woods road to a roadway, with the exception of Wetland Impact #1 which will have a upgraded culvert installed. It will be an, as yet undesigned, open bottom concrete box culvert. There were a few incorrect references which the Engineer will correct. In addition, the members asked that the wetland plant mix contain native species. The members asked Chris to write a memo stating our thoughts to the ZBA.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The November 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Kim and seconded by AndyS.	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	November 26 – Cancelled – no one was available to lead it December 17, 2022 –Heather Goode has offered to lead a hike on Dec 17 from 10-1130 along the SRT East trail starting from the MCAA fields.	Chris to send bcc reminder emails to the distribution list and Anita to post on social media
3. Milford Community Land Management Plan	The members discussed next steps since the Mooseplate grant application was not awarded. The Commission received two proposals to write a Management Plan for the Milford Community Land parcel. The members decided to ask Jeff Littleton of	Chris will contact Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological.

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	Moosewood Ecological to visit the MCC in January, or at his convenience to discuss what we need to do next to move forward	
4. Beaver management plan	The members will review for next month's meeting.	Chris will send an email reminder to the members to prepare for the Jan meeting
5. Accept donations	Hat sales from GT 2022 - \$520.00 for the Granite Town Rail Trail Revolving Fund were unanimously approved on a motion by Chris seconded by Kim Chris Diehle fundraising success for Eagle Scout project - \$612.75 for the Granite Town Rail Trail Revolving Fund. These funds were unanimously accepted on a motion by Chris and seconded by Kim TARC donation – \$8981.62 from GT 2021. This donation was unanimously accepted on a motion by Chris and seconded by Kim.	AndyS offered to manage the hat sales at the Milford Aid station at the 2023 Ghost Train Races.
6. Ghost Train MOU with Brookline CC	The members discussed the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Milford and Brookline CCs regarding the operation of the Ghost Train Rail Trail races which both Commissions host annually in October. The previous races since 2009, were managed by various individuals, most recently by the Trail Animals Running Club (TARC). TARC has changed their mission and funding stream which isn't in the best interests of the two Commissions. The two Commissions will take over the management of the race using the MOU as the governing document. Brookline CC will discuss the MOU at their Dec 13 meeting. The members suggested a small change to Section III.J to ensure that the disbursements and race distributions be completed within 3 months following the race completion. Add a footnote to identify the locations of the aid stations for the Portapotty allocation.	
7. 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 - completed • Chris Diehle – completed and donated surplus funds • Jonathan Faucher 	
	BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement)	

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8. Reports	Town Forests: Mile Slip early successional habitat restoration. The members would like to move forward with this. Eric Radloff will find a contractor and GPS the boundaries of the area to be used for early stage successional habitat.	Chris will pass information along to Eric Radloff to start the process for the clearing.
	Wetland Overlay District update – keep on agenda to remember to revisit this with the PB/ZBA in April 2023	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – The Kaley Foundation donated \$20K toward this project. Chris is scheduling a costing visit with Amos White to assess site work and estimated costs.	AndyH will get better numbers for the equipment costs. Chris will talk with Amos for site work costs Chris will contact the Keyes Trust to let them know that their donation will work with the Kaley donation
	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	
	Antioch Grad Student Project: there is no update on Lindsay's progress on the Rotch parcel Management Plan.	
9. Work session	None for December	
10. Interdepartmental Review.	Q Subdivision – noted above	
11. Non-public session		
12. Adjournment	8:15pm on a recommendation by AndyS and seconded by Rod	

Next Regular Meeting – January 12, 2023 @ 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

2023 Meeting Dates: Jan 12. Feb 9. Mar 9, Apr 13. May 11. June 8, Jul 13. Aug 10. Sept 14. Oct 12. Nov 9. Dec 14