

Milford Conservation Commission March 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room

PRESENT:

Members

John Yule - Chair

Andy Hughes – Vice Chair

Kim Rimalover

Anita Stevens

Excused: Rodney Dellafelice, Andy Seale, Marie Nickerson

Town Representatives

Chris Costantino (Alt) – zoom

Guests

Richard Elliott – new member awaiting BOS appointment

Mary Geisinger – Antioch Grad Student

Lindsay Butler-Hardy – Antioch Grad Student

Appointment:

Lindsay Butler-Hardy and Mary Geisinger. Lindsay and Mary prepared a Management Plan for Rotch Town Forest as their Masters Keystone Project at Antioch University New England. Both women were present via Zoom to present their Management Plan for the Rotch Town Forest. Both women met with MCC members and with the Trail Steward, Karin LaGro, to understand the goals for the forest. The members are very grateful for the work done to create this Plan. The Plan is very detailed and thought provoking. It provides the Commission with several action items to meet our goals for a healthy forest which provides resources for wildlife and the residents who enjoy recreating there.

Matthew Peterson, Engineer for Keach Nordstrom. **Map 43-20-2**; South Street Gas Station presentation. John asked to table the discussion until the MCC had an opportunity to review the wetland permit application. In addition, the MCC will schedule a site visit and will invite the Planning Board and Zoning Board to attend.

- **Map 43-69-1**; The 'Q' subdivision wetland and buffer impacts were discussed. The MCC will be provided with a wetland permit application to review. A site visit with the Planning Board and Zoning Board will be arranged to complement the site visit to the adjacent parcel 43-20-2 (Gas Station application)

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The February 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by AndyH	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	February 25 – cancelled due to trail conditions and leadership availability March 25 - TBD	
3. Membership	The members unanimously approved a motion by Chris, seconded by Anita, to reappoint John Yule as Chair and Andy Hughes as Vice Chair for 2023.	
4. Accept Donations and Awards	The members unanimously approved a motion by AndyH, seconded by Chris, to accept \$1100 Ghost Train Race Registration revenues. The money was put into the Granite Town Rail Trail revolving fund.	

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The order and matters of this meeting are subject to change without further notice.

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5. New Trail Maps	A summer intern updated our trail maps. The members are pleased with the results	Chris will post the new maps on the town website
6. Membership to Partner Organizations	The members unanimously approved the motion by AndyH, seconded by Chris to renew the following 2023 memberships: NHTOA \$ 30.00 NH Timber Owners Association NHACC \$800.00 NH Assoc of Conservation Commissions NHANRS \$30.00 NH Assoc of Natural Resource Scientists SPNF \$40.00 Society for Protection of NH Forests NHLTC \$50.00 NH Land Trust Coalition	Chris will create a calendar reminder to increase the Membership line item in our operating budget to \$1,000 which more accurately reflects our actual costs.
7. Ghost Train MOU with Brookline CC	Nothing new to report	
8. Eagle Scout projects	Patti Lamos, a Scout Troop leader, is shepherding another group of Eagle Scout candidates our way. She asked if there had been any changes to the last version of the project list she has. The members realized that there were several new potential projects included in the new Rotch Management Plan	Kim will update and reformat the existing Project List.
9. Reports	Milford Community Land Ecological Inventory and Impact Assessment (EIIA). Lincoln Daley, Town Administrator, asked that the MCC update the BOS of the progress of the project to have an EIIA created for the Milford Community Land parcel. AndyH will meet with the BOS at their March 13 meeting	
	Town Beaver Management Policy – Chris is to submit the edited version to the BOS for their consideration. The essence of the document, which was already approved, has not been changed with the edits.	
	Town Forests: Mile Slip TF – Members met with Eric Radlof to review the flagging, of which the members approve. The logger visited the site with ERadlof and determined that the much of the woody vegetation that needs to be removed is too large. Logging equipment will be needed rather than the proposed bronto mower. With site conditions as they are and the limited time to complete the clearing prior to April 1,	Chris will update ERadlof

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	the members decided to plan to for this work to be done in early fall. The April 1 date was set by Matt Tarr, UNH Cooperative Extension/Professor of Wildlife Biology. This is on the early side of the arrival of migratory birds, but ensures that the site is clear for their safe utilization of whatever resources are there.	
	Wetland Overlay District update – Work session	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – Amos White working with Chappell. The ground conditions are wrong for the site work, so it will be put off until spring/summer when the ground is dry.	
	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	
10. Work session	March 23, 2023	
11. Interdepartmental Review.	Map 43-20-2 Gas station on South Street – see above appointment discussion Map 21-23 Boys and Girls Club – no further comment Map 43-69 The “Q” conceptual plan for the PB – see above appointment discussion	
12. Adjournment	Motioned and seconded and unanimously approved at 9:00	

Next Regular Meeting – April 13, 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

2022 Meeting Dates: Jan 13. Feb 9. Mar 9. Apr 13. May 11. June 8, Jul 13. Aug 10. Sept 14. Oct 12. Nov 19. Dec 14