

Milford Conservation Commission May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room

PRESENT:

Members

Town Representatives

Guests

John Yule - Chair

Richard Elliott (Alt)

Hunter Leeman – Eagle Scout Candidate

Rodney Dellafelice

Chris Costantino (Alt)

Marty Sample – Trails Committee Chair

Marie Nickerson

Excused: Andy Hughes, Kim Rimalover, Anita Stevens, Andy Seale

Appointment:

7:30 Heron Pond bench/picnic table Eagle Scout project – Hunter Leeman. See discussion Item 7

8:00 South Street gas station proposal (ML043-020-002) – tabled until the June 8 meeting

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Non-public session	<p>As needed: RSA 91-A:3.II(d) for discussion of possible land acquisition, RSA 91-A:3.II© reputation, and/or RSA 91-A:3.II(l) legal advice by legal counsel.</p> <p>The Commission unanimously approved the motion by Chris, seconded by Marie, to go into a non-public session. Discussion ensued and the MCC came out of non-public session on a motion by Chris, seconded by Marie, which was unanimously approved. The minutes will remain sealed on a motion by Chris, seconded by Rod which was unanimously approved.</p>	
2. Marty Sample	<p>Marty is the chair of the Trail Committee. He reported on the trail network status. There are projects and ongoing work to repair the damage for this past winter's heavy snowstorms and high winds. There have been many trees cleared from the trails.</p>	<p>Chris to send the updated Mile Slip TF map to Marty. Chris will work with Marty to continue the trail cleanup and bridge repairs.</p>
3. Meeting Minutes approval	<p>The April meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Rod and seconded by Rich.</p>	<p>Chris to post on the website</p>
4. 4 th Saturday hike	<p>Chris will lead the hike at the Rail Trail from Melendy Rd to the power lines and back. Meet at the Melendy parking at 8:30am on May 20, 2023</p>	<p>Chris to send reminder emails to the distribution list</p>
5. Black Heritage Trail	<p>The members are firmly in support of this project. They do not feel that a donation towards the purchase of the plaque is an appropriate use of the Conservation Fund.</p>	

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6. Accept Donations and Awards	Nothing to approve	
7. Ghost Train MOU with Brookline CC	Nothing changed	
8. Eagle Scout projects	<p>a. Hunter Leeman offered to install a picnic bench along the shore of the Heron Pond impoundment. He has changed his project to build and place at least two benches at the Rotch TF. One will be located on the knoll to the west of the impoundment and one will likely be to the south of the impoundment; there are good options.</p> <p>b. Olivia DiGiosio proposes a birding trail on the Souhegan River Trail (SRT) West. There will be a permitting process to work with the NHFG who owns the property. Would Olivia consider setting this birding trail on SRT East?</p>	<p>a. Chris will send Hunter 1) the new Rotch Management Plan prepared by Lindsay Butler- Hardy and Mary Geisinger, and 2) the information about the Girl Scout bench built and located at the base of Tucker Brook Falls.</p> <p>b. Chris will contact Olivia to discuss moving the birding trail to SRT East.</p>
9. Reports	Milford Community Land Ecological Inventory and Impact Assessment. Nothing discussed	
	Town Forests: Mile Slip TF . Nothing discussed	
	Wetland Overlay District update – to be talked about at the work session on May 24	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – nothing new	
	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	May 24 at 6:00 in the OCD conference area	
11. Interdepartmental Review.	<p>a) Map 43-20-2 Gas station on South Street. Draft ZBA memo for their proposed variance. Chris met with the Gas Station applicants and Terrey Dolan in the town hall. The applicants would like to find a solution that the MCC can accept. Conversation covered that there were only private wells in the Groundwater Protection Area 1 and that other gas stations have been approved along the Elm Street in proximity to the Souhegan River. John found on maps that there is a</p>	John will talk to Bob Courage regarding the history and location of the Smith Well.

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	<p>Smith Well identified in this location, not just 2 private wells. Matt Peterson, the engineer managing the project, said that he has some ideas about the site layout that might make a more palatable alternative for the MCC to consider. No alterations had arrived prior to the meeting for us to consider.</p> <p>b) Map 21-23 Boys and Girls Club. Nothing has changed. We are still awaiting the corrected legal documents that move monitoring of bench activity from the Grantee to the Grantor.</p>	
12. Adjournment	The members approved adjournment on the motion by Chris, seconded by Marie.	

Next Regular Meeting – June 8, 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