

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 9, 2018 7:00pm BOS meeting room

Present: Members: Andy Hughes, Chair; Hub Seward, Anita Stevens, David Bosquet, Audrey Fraizer, Janet Urquhart. Kim Rimalover, excused. Alternates: Rodney Dellafelice, Chris Costantino . Thanks to Jordan for providing cookies for the meeting.

Appointments – none

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. July Meeting Minutes approval	The members unanimously approved a motion by Janet and seconded by David to accept the July meeting minutes	
2. Upcoming events	a. August 25 – hike at Rotch. Karin LaGro will lead the hike. She is the trail manager for the Rotch property. b. October – Pumpkin Festival c. November 3 – NHACC annual conference	
3. Reports	a. July 28 4 th Saturday hike at Patch Hill – Janet and Chris attended. 4 folks attended including one little girl who hiked Chris' socks off. And one dog. b. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF. The members reviewed the baseline documentation provided by New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) who will be holding the easement. Audrey presented suggested edits to the baseline documentation c. ARM Grant application – work in progress. Yvonne Beran and Chris still need to hear from NHFG as to whether the agency will hold the easement and the extent of the acreage to be protected. Until the boundary and area of the protection is determined, we can't get a final quote on the survey. A letter of intent from the NHFG will be adequate for purposes of the grant application. d. Melendy Country easement. Chris met with Sally Wilkins of the Amherst Land Trust. Final edits have been submitted to the Melendy Country attorney. When he releases the document, it will be sent to Atty Drescher for final review for the town. e. Forest Management Plan spreadsheet - David completed the suggested edits to the document at the July meeting. There are still further edits to be made regarding stand identification by forest type. It is a working document. f. Heron pond beaver dam flow device – Skip Lisle who installed the device in November 2017 was due to inspect the flow device in the beaver dam. He cut his ankle on glass, requiring stitches and to stay out of beaver waters for a few weeks. He will be back when he can come. The water level continues to rise due to multiple storm events.	Chris will send the edits to NEFF Yvonne Beran and Chris to continue on the grant application filling in gaps Chris to stay on task Chris to make the forest stand edits for Tucker Brook TF Chris to contact NHFG to determine BMPs (best management practices) for checking/repairing the flow device.

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	<p>The flow device is not functioning at 100%.</p> <p>g. Anita has been accepted into the inaugural Invasives Species training provided by UNH Cooperative. It will be a program much like the Coverts program</p> <p>h. Open subdivisions</p> <p>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots – nothing new</p> <p>Autumn Oaks – easement - nothing new</p> <p>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of open space - nothing new</p>	
4. Hitchiner Town Forest (HTF) Management Plan update	<p>Dan Reed, the professional forester who wrote the previous management plans for Hitchiner submitted a few options for updating the HTF management plan. After discussion, the members agreed that we should wait until after the easement is recorded. NEFF may have some ideas which would impact Dan's work on the update. The members also decided that Dan should focus on Mayflower and add Patch Hill to the update to be completed in 2018. Hitchiner to be updated in 2019. `Tucker Brook and Rotch should be updated in 2020</p>	Chris to inform Dan Reed of the discussion
5. Interdepartmental review	none	
6. 2019 Warrant Articles	<p>Time to start thinking about our requests for next year's warrant. Ideas to discuss include:</p> <p>a. Town-wide NRI</p> <p>b. Stream name signs at road crossings</p> <p>c. Easement on Tucker Brook TF</p> <p>d. Prime wetland study</p> <p>e. Invasives species treatment</p>	Members to present suggestions at the September meeting

Next Regular Meeting – September 13, 2018 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.

2018 Meeting Dates: Feb 8. Mar 8. Apr 12. May 10. June 14. Jul 12. Aug 9. Sept 13. Oct 11. Nov 8. Dec 13