

PRESENT:

Members

Andy Hughes, Acting Chair
Anita Stevens
Marie Nickerson
Rodney Dellafelice
Kim Rimalover, Zoom
Richard Elliott (Alt) – Acting Full Member
Chris Costantino (Alt) Zoom – Acting Full Member
Excused: John Yule (Chair); Andy Seale

Town Representatives

Paul Dargie, BOS representative

Guests

Jeff Littleton, Moosewood Ecological
Stephen Lamonde, Moosewood Ecological

APPOINTMENT:

7:00 Moosewood Ecological. Jeff Littleton and Stephen Lamonde of Moosewood Ecological updated the members on progress of their Ecological Impact Assessment of the Milford Community Land parcel. See Item 7.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The members unanimously approved the July 2023 meeting minutes with a motion from Marie, seconded by Anita	Chris to post on the website
2. 4 th Saturday hike	July 22, 2023. Chris led 3 other hikers along the trail to Armory Rd August 26, 2023 Rail Trail starting at the Melendy parking to Brookline. AndyH will lead. Start time is 8:30 am	
3. 2024 Goals	This will be a topic at the August 24 work session	Chris will send a reminder email to the members to prompt premeeting prep
4. Wadleigh Memorial Library program	AndyH and Steve Erdody, a member of the Trails Committee, presented a trails event at the Wadleigh Memorial Library as part of their adult programming. AndyH covered the long-range Front Doors to Outdoors plan, while Steve talked trails and history.	Chris will make a calendar reminder to contact the WML staff for an earlier event date.

5. Pumpkin Festival	Oct 7&8, 2023 weekend.	Members to review the shift schedule (on Google Drive) and pick a time slot to cover the booth
6. Ghost Train Rail Trail races	October 13-15. Aid station prep is beginning. The Portapotty rental is set. We have reserved power light stations for both Union St.and Armory Rd crossings.	Chris will notify the emergency services department heads of the upcoming race
7. Work session	August 24, 2023 at 6:00 in the OCD meeting space 2024 goals Wetland buffer research	Chris to send an email to remind members to prep for the goals discussion
8. Reports	Milford Community Land Ecological Inventory and Impact Assessment. The Moosewood Ecological team have nearly completed their field work of this natural community. They have noted several species of birds, butterflies, and insects, many of which are of conservation interest, using the habitat. They continue to monitor the stream gauges which were installed in mid- May. It would be nice if it stopped raining so that they could assess low water level conditions. Game cameras have photographed many species moving across the habitat. Invasive species are mostly contained in the pit area and do not appear to be altering the functionality of the habitat. Next steps: 1) still monitoring water levels; 2) finish the field work in September; 3) Fall delivery of the draft assessment	
	Town Forests: Mile Slip TF. The BOS voted, at their July 31 meeting, to waive the timber tax for the upcoming timber harvest to re-establish early successional habitat at Stand 3. Eric Radlof, Forester, is preparing a contract for our review.	Chris to plan an outreach social media notice of the harvest. Coordinate with Eric for dates to have public walk
	Wetland Overlay District update – no action taken	Chris will provide the notes from our work sessions to the members
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing. AndyH reviewed the final proposal from TAPCO for the equipment needed to signal this crossing. The order has been placed and should arrive in early September. DPW will assemble and install the signaling at our cost. The grant from the Kaley Foundation will pay for 99% of the equipment. We have monies in the Rail Trail Fund	
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	Chris to check with town staff about status. Particularly with Spaulding.

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

Commented [1]: What does this mean? That DPW will send MCC a bill?

	No changes in status for either since last mtg	
9. Interdepartmental Review.	None to discuss	
10. Adjournment	8:15 adjournment.	

Next Regular Meeting – September 14, 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 13. Feb 9. Mar 9. Apr 13. May 11. June 8, Jul 13. Aug 10. Sept 14. Oct 12. Nov 19. Dec 14