

**Milford Conservation Commission September 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room**

**PRESENT:**

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Town Representatives</u>	<u>Guests</u>
John Yule, Chair	Richard Elliott (Alt) – Acting Full Member	Paul Dargie, BOS representative	Marisa DiBiaso – Hoyle Tanner
Andy Hughes, VChair	Chris Costantino (Alt) – Acting Full Member		Bill Davidson – Hoyle Tanner
Rodney Dellafelice			Jim Pouliot – Water Utilities Director
Anita Stevens			
Andy Seale			
Excused: Kim Rimalover, Marie Nickerson			

**APPOINTMENT:**

7:00 Waste Water Treatment Facility - special exception wetland buffer impact proposal. Marisa DiBiaso and Bill Davidson of Hoyle Tanner presented the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade which will have a minor permanent wetland buffer impact after the construction of a retaining wall. Anita asked for the functional assessment data sheets which MDiBiaso agreed to send. Anita would like to visit the site. Chris will set up a date and time to meet with Jim Pouliot, who will show us the location. The Zoning Board of Adjustment packet has not been submitted.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The members unanimously approved the amended minutes on a motion by AndyS and seconded by Rod.	Chris will post on the website
2. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• August 26, 2023 Melendy parking to Brookline. AndyH led a hike of 6 people from the Melendy Parking to the Bartell junction in Brookline, following a dedication of the Melendy Tunnel to members of the MCC.</li><li>• September 23, 2023 Mile Slip TF</li></ul>	Chris will check with the Mile Slip TF trail stewards to see if any of them can lead the hike
3. Groundwater Protection Zoning Ordinance (GWZO)	The members will review the existing Milford GWZO (Ground Water Zoning Ordinance). After reading other communities' ordinance, changes may be made to improve the existing ordinance. The edited version will be presented to the Planning Board for their review and discussion. NRPC (Nashua Regional Planning Commission) will help with the final editing and formatting.	The members are to continue to read other communities' ordinances for language that will improve the Milford GWZO
4. RV camping in TF parking areas	The MCC has received two requests for RV camping in the town forest parking areas. One request was for an overnight, which was granted.	

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	Chris notified the Milford Police Department of the permission. Another request came to RV camp for 'about a month'. This request was denied. The members decided that the MCC camping ordinance will to allow long-term RV camping in the parking areas of town forests. The MCC's Camping Policy will be amended to include a time limit for the camping permit.	Rich will write the updated camping policy for the Policy and Procedure Manual
5. Reports / Old Business	Milford Community Land Ecological Inventory and Impact Assessment, currently underway at the Brox property– Nothing new to report	
	Ghost Train races Oct.13-15, 2023	
	Town Forests: Mile Slip TF -early successional restoration project. The 'Intent to Cut' has been approved by the BOS (Board Of Selectmen).	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing improvement project. We are hoping for drier conditions so that the trees can be removed.	Chris will contact the site work contractor
	Pumpkin Fest. Oct 7&8, 2023 weekend. Live document in google drive for the members to select a time slot	Rich and AndyH have signed up for booth coverage. Chris will be at the for both days. John will pop by as his other PF commitments allow.
	Open subdivisions – ( <i>place holders to check for changes</i> ) Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Washout of a slope required DPW work to clean up sedimentation. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space – nothing to report this month	
6. Work session	No work session in September.	Members to continue to read groundwater ordinances in other communities
7. Interdepartmental Review (IDR)	ML 43-69 – the 'Q' Wetland Permit Application. The MCC had requested an extension from NHDES to review the wetland permit application, which was granted. The design for the stream crossing at Wetland #1 has changed from what was originally proposed and approved at the ZBA hearing for the wetland buffer impact special exception. The crossing was proposed as an open box culvert retaining the existing stream bed. The next plan revision showed a 36"	Members will visit the Q wetland #1 crossing of Medlyn-Woods Brook on Monday, Sept 18 at 5:30

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	RCP (Reinforced Concrete Pipe). The current revision (Sept 9 2023) shows a 47"x36" box culvert with 12" stream simulation material laid on the bottom. ML 52-82 – lot line adjustment. No comments from members ML 10-3&20 – lot line adjustment. No comments from members	
8. Adjournment	The members unanimously approved a motion by AndyS, seconded by Chris, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35	

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