

**Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 12, 2018 7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present: MEMBERS:** Andy Hughes, Chair; Kim Rimalover, VChair; David Bosquet, Anita Stevens, Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart. Alternates: Rodney Dellafelice, Chris Costantino. Laura Dudziak, BOS representative. Absent: Audrey Fraizer - excused

**Appointments –**

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. June Meeting Minutes approval	The June meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Anita Stevens which was seconded by Kim Rimalover	
2. Conservation Chapter for the Master Plan	Audrey and Rodney worked on final edits. Audrey submitted further edits which Andy covered in the meeting. MPCCv.9 is approved, subject to the edits, unanimously on a motion by Janet and seconded by Rodney	Chris to include Audrey's last edits and submit to the planning staff,
3. Upcoming events	a. July 28 4th Saturday hike will be at Patch Hill and lead by Audrey. Anita will post on social media.	Chris to send the updated hike schedule to the members. Send Anita the wording for the social media posts
4. Reports	<p>a. June 23 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday hike at Rail Trail South to North was attended by 2 members of the public and Audrey and Chris and one dog. Fun.</p> <p>b. June 25 BOS public hearing #2 regarding the Mobility Device Policy, which was approved by the BOS?</p> <p>c. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF. The baseline documentation is almost complete</p> <p>d. Melendy Country easement. Chris met with the Amherst Land Trust (ALT). The document is nearly complete. After final wordsmithing, the MCC will have Atty. Drescher review the document.</p> <p>e. Forest Management Plan spread sheet - the members reviewed the latest version of the Town Forest Management Plan Summary spreadsheet. There were suggested edits to better reflect the data presented.</p> <p>f. Skip Lisle – beaver flow device inspection</p> <p>g. Milford Dog Park – The BOS heard a presentation of three potential locations for the dog</p>	<p>Chris to continue the process to have this added to the municipal code</p> <p>Chris to stay on task</p> <p>Chris to stay on task</p> <p>David will make the suggested edits to the document.</p> <p>Chris to contact SLisle</p> <p>Chris to contact DPW to ensure that the</p>

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	<p>park. The BOS approved the decision to focus on an agreement with the Brookstone Apartments owners to gain access to undeveloped land on their property.</p> <p>h. Many large trees have fallen across trails. Dept of Public Works has them on their work lists.</p> <p><b>i. Open subdivisions</b></p> <p>a. Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots</p> <p>b. Autumn Oaks – easement</p> <p>c. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of open space</p>	<p>trees are still on their work list.</p> <p>Chris to send information to Anita who can post the downed trees and affected trails on Facebook.</p>
5. ARM Grant application	<p>The tasks for the grant application submission are being worked on. The survey quote submitted by Fieldstone Land Consultants is still in process. The boundary of the open space, as it is currently depicted on the gravel removal operation site plan Rev.H, is about 8 miles long with an interior and exterior perimeter that needs to be located, blazed and monumented. There was considerable discussion among the members about straightening the boundaries as shown on the gravel removal operation plan which will reduce monitoring costs and the cost of the survey. Andy and Chris had, prior to the meeting, met with Fieldstone staff to discuss possibilities to reduce the estimated cost for the survey of the open space. The members are in support of paying for the survey and, in concept, to pay for the easement stewardship fund costs. Without firm numbers for expected expenditures, no vote was taken.</p>	<p>Chris to stay on task</p>
6. Election of officers	<p>The members unanimously approved the nomination of Andy Hughes to continue as Chair on a motion by Kim and seconded by Rodney. The members unanimously approved the nomination of Kim Rimalover to continue as Vice Chair on a motion by David and seconded by Janet. The members are deeply appreciative of the commitment by both Andy and Kim to the affairs of the commission.</p>	
7. Interdepartmental review	<p>a. Hitchiner Loading Dock Map 6, lot 42. Major Site Plan Application. There were no comments regarding this proposed plan.</p> <p>b. Burbee Map 58, Lots 1, 2, and 3. Major Site Plan Application and Gravel and Earth Removal Permit. No comments other than a general recommendation to stay away from sensitive areas, which appears to be their intent based on the gravel operation plan</p> <p>c. The Reserve on Federal Hill. Map 48 Lot 48 Phase 3 of an approved subdivision plan. Questions to be relayed to the Planning Board:</p> <p>1)Would the developer consider creating a water feature as part of the large retention pond being constructed to hold stormwater? Adding some benches and a bit of a walking path along the ridge of the berm would make this drainage treatment aesthetically pleasing and may add to the habitat value of the area</p>	<p>Chris to draft IDR memos for review</p>

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	<p>2) Use something other than silt fencing for erosion management. This plan involves alterations on very steep slopes with a high potential for silt fencing to fail. More aggressive methods to minimize erosion would be appropriate.</p> <p>d. Infeft on Elm Street. Map 14 Lot 7-1 An IDR was submitted following the June meeting. The comments were subsequently addressed at the Planning Board meeting: Anita's suggested landscaping plants were accepted; the drainage swale on Elm Street was delineated and it was determined that it is a non-jurisdictional wetland; and the owners will use BMPs (best management practices) to handle the snow storage/removal. The owners intend to plant elm trees along Elm Street</p> <p>e. Soucy Garages on Souhegan Street. Map 26 Lot 73 The members could not find on the Plan the calculations for the required open space on this lot with the addition of the garages.</p>	
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Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

**Next Regular Meeting – Aug 9, 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**