

**Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes December 14, 2017 7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present: MEMBERS: Andy Hughes, Chair; Janet Urquhart, Anita Stevens, David Bosquet.** Alternates: Chris Costantino.

**Also present:** BOS Representative: Laura Dudziak. Community Development Director: Lincoln Daley

*Commissioners excused:* Kim Rimalover, Audrey Fraizer, Hub Seward *Alternates Excused:* Rodney Dellafelice

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. November Meeting Minutes approval	The members unanimously approved the November meeting minutes on a motion by Janet and seconded by Anita.	
2. West Meadow subdivision easement review	Lincoln Daley and the members looked at the West Meadows Estates easement. The MCC hasn't seen the easement language since May 2015. The suggested changes were mostly incorporated into this signed document. After discussion, the members do not want the town to accept or hold the easements that border properties: 39-70-16, 17, 18, 32, 33, and 34. These were created to meet subdivision regulations and are not to protect natural resources. They will be difficult to monitor and could drag the town into neighborhood disputes. The easement language implies that the town will maintain the open space and easements; almost to the intensity of a park.	Lincoln will discuss options with Atty Drescher to release the town from these easements.  Chris is to assemble the history of this easement for the members.
3. Open Space Ordinance	The Planning Board has field-tested the 2016 edits to the Open Space Ordinance. Some issues have been identified. The ordinance needs to address minimum lot-sizing and strengthen the 'Purpose' section by adding "Standards'. The members unanimously approved a motion by Andy, seconded by Chris, to support these changes to the Open Space Ordinance.	Lincoln to continue the amendment process so that these changes will be on the March 2018 warrant.
4. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat Hike	a. November 25 Mile Slip – Chris. Small group attended and one dog. It was a lovely day with lots of hunters walking around. b. No hike in December	David offered to put sandwich boards promoting the hikes on the Oval on the week immediately preceding the hike.
5. Reports	a. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF – nothing new b. LWCF grant - Yvonne Beran and Chris continue to work on this c. Envirothon Training – Anita reported that she and Chris had an excellent day of training. It was good to interact with the MHS teacher who is the advisor for the high school environmental club. They may participate in this year's competition and she knows that the commission will assist in whatever way needed. d. Forest Management Plans - David presented a summary of the management plans.	d. David will come into the MCC office to work on a spreadsheet of timelines for the management plans.
6. Warrant Articles	a. Chris presented the warrant articles to the Budget Advisory Committee. . b. The BOS voted to not put the \$20,000 Conservation Land Fund warrant article onto the warrant. The members voted to submit it as a petition warrant article. Chris has gathered 23 signatures.	a. Chris will contact the BAC to see if they want to discuss our budget.

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<p>7. Interdepartmental review</p>	<p>a. Hitchiner Mfg. Fencing installation- the property line was inaccurate in the presentation that Hitchiner made in September. It has since been correctly positioned. Lincoln Daley OCD Director, Robin Lunn Zoning Admin and Chris met with the engineer to see what impact this property line correction would have on the placement of concrete barriers and privacy fencing. The line of fencing will move approximately 3 feet closer to the Hitchiner side of the line. There doesn't appear to be any further impact than what was acknowledged and accepted by the MCC in their memo to the ZBA. The bittersweet has been removed, the trees remain upright and the fence line will be staggered with gaps to allow wildlife movement per the Commission's recommendations</p> <p>b. Spaulding Estates – revised plan has not been submitted as yet</p> <p>c. Hollow Oak expansion of fuel storage tank and new building. The MCC wanted to take a site walk with the Planning Board which opted to not take a site walk. Now that there is snow on the ground the commission will not schedule a site visit.</p> <p>d. Racicot Warehouse Expansion. The new IDR is for a major site plan to install a large warehouse at Map Lot 14-10. The commission reviewed the application and had several comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Location in the Level 1 Wellhead protection zone requires a bit more scrutiny about the contents/purpose of the warehouse and outside storage</li> <li>2. What is the intention for this warehouse?</li> <li>3. What is being stored outside as identified on the plan?</li> <li>4. Why is there no test pit data for where the stormwater system is to be placed?</li> <li>5. Why is there a stump pile?</li> <li>6. What precautions are being taken to slow down infiltration as all the soil types on this site are well to excessively well-draining soils?</li> </ol>	
<p>8. Work session</p>	<p>Andy would like the members to take a look at the various activities and projects that the commission manages. Should these be delegated to the members? Role of the chair?</p>	<p>Andy and Chris to meet prior to this meeting to prep a list.</p>
<p>9. Beaver dam at Heron Pond</p>	<p>The beaver flow device has been installed. The water level is rising. Andy, Anita and Chris walked out to check on the device. Audrey asked that Andy read her email about the installation and payment of the flow device into the record. Andy read the email and asked that Chris attach the letter to the minutes.</p>	<p>Chris to attach the email from Audrey to the minutes.</p>

Audrey Fraizer Email:

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On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 2:40 PM, Audrey Fraizer <[fraizermilford@gmail.com](mailto:fraizermilford@gmail.com)> wrote:

**From:** Audrey Fraizer <[fraizermilford@gmail.com](mailto:fraizermilford@gmail.com)>

**Date:** October 24, 2017 at 3:01:51 PM CDT

**To:** Mark Bender <[mbender@milford.nh.gov](mailto:mbender@milford.nh.gov)>, BOS Members <[BOSMembers@milford.nh.gov](mailto:BOSMembers@milford.nh.gov)>, Fred Elkind <[felkind@milford.nh.gov](mailto:felkind@milford.nh.gov)>, Rick Riendeau <[rriendeau@milford.nh.gov](mailto:rriendeau@milford.nh.gov)>

**Cc:** Conservation Commission <[concomm@milford.nh.gov](mailto:concomm@milford.nh.gov)>

**Subject:** Dewatering Heron Pond

I am writing with a personal opinion of installing a Beaver Flow Device at Heron Pond.

The initial discussion that was before the Conservation Commission back in August was a concern that the pond was high and backing up the water on the other side of the culvert going to Heron Pond School. When I visited the site the Beaver Flow Device was blocked. If cleared, the water upstream would not be an issue. The permanent repair of this Beaver Flow Device should be a priority.

At my visit, the water in Heron Pond was not high. Note that I did not walk down the emergency access road to see how the water was impacting that road. I feel the Town and the Conservation Commission would be disrespectful to the New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) if they do not seek their input into both the appropriate level of water in the pond and the appropriate time to have the least impact on the wildlife. The AoT Permit for the property addresses not impacting the turtle during nesting and incubation season. In my opinion it wouldn't be prudent to impact them during their hibernation season either. The NHFG will have the knowledge of impacting not only the turtles but other hibernating species, aquatic life, and mammals supported by the ecosystem.

I am an advocate of the Beaver Flow Device but both the level of water and the timing should be determined by experts. I feel certain, based on the AoT permit, that the State awareness of the safety of roads and people with the impacts on wildlife and will make sound recommendations to the town.

Sincerely,

Audrey Fraizer

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**This meeting was not recorded.**

**Next Regular Meeting – January 11, 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**

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