

**Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes November 9, 2017 7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present: MEMBERS: Andy Hughes, Chair; Kim Rimalover, VChair; Janet Urquhart, Hub Seward.** Excused: David Bosquet and Audrey Fraizer

Alternates: Chris Costantino. Rodney Dellafelice excused. Anita Stevens as a potential new member.

**Appointments** – James Bell, Eagle Scout candidate. James reported that the steps project at the Melendy Road crossing of the Granite Town Rail Trail is all but complete. He showed the Commission the plaque that he intends to place on the steps. He presented Andy with a \$205.00 donation of the remaining funds he had fundraised for this project which will be put into the rail trail fund. The Commission members expressed their appreciation for the work he and his crew did and thanked him. Andy signed the necessary paperwork for James’ presentation to his Eagle Scout Board. Janet asked that the Commission be notified of James’ Court of Honor.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. October Meeting Minutes approval	The members unanimously approved the October meeting minutes on a motion by Kim, seconded by Hub.	
2. New Member	The members unanimously approved a motion by Chris, seconded by Janet to recommend that the Board of Selectmen appoint Anita Stevens to the Conservation Commission. Her term will expire in 2020.	Chris to write letter of recommendation to the BOS
3. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat Hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. October 28 - Tucker Brook Boulder Drive – Audrey had reported via phone that there was a nice little group of hikers.</li> <li>b. November 25 - Mile Slip – Chris to lead</li> </ul>	Chris to do the usual notifications
4. Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF (Town Forest)– final approval of extension of the ARM funding for the HTF easement has been received from the NHDES to allow MCC to wait until the 2017 WA for Mile Slip is (hopefully) approved by the voters so that we may execute a single easement covering both Mile Slip and Hitchiner TFs.</li> <li>b. October 20-23 – Ghost Train Rail Trail Race. 65 runners completed the 100-mile. Over 375 runners + add'l 150 15 Milers didn't exceed the capacity of the trail. Runners had a great event. Great weather. Audrey, Kim and Anita brought soup. Kim took a shift at night, Anita worked Saturday am shift. Greg Boggis worked a shift. David came for as much as he could fit. Thanks to all for the support to make this a successful event.</li> <li>c. November 4 – NHACC annual conference. Janet and Anita had a great time. Came away with lots of hope and ideas to engage the youth. Which led to discussion of the meeting that Chris and Yvonne Beran had with Linda Pare, who is the advisor for the Milford High School Environmental Club and will be teaching an Environmental Science class in January. We are still trying to see how we can help. A state-wide program called the 'Envirothon' may be an avenue for connecting to the teens.</li> <li>d. LWCF grant – we have received an invitation from the grant administrators, NH Parks and Recreation, to prepare a formal application for money to fund a new tunnel for the Rail Trail, running under Melendy Rd. Yvonne Beran and Chris are working on this.</li> </ul>	<p>Chris to write letter to BOS to accept funds.</p> <p>Chris to send info about envirothon to Anita. And to set a time to meet with Anita to go into more detail of the meeting and how she can plug in with the environmental club.</p>

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5. Warrant Articles	Two Warrant Articles will be presented to the BOS on November 13 at 5:45. The voter explanation paragraph was changed by AH & CC (prior to the meeting) to read. "After the voters passed an almost identical warrant article to the one above in 2014, the Conservation Commission received new legal advice that necessitates this revised warrant article.	Chris to send reminder calendar event to the members for the Monday BOS meeting.
6. Brox Community Lands	<p>Andy updated the members that the Restraining Order on the timbering by the Town's contractors for Phase 1 of the Gravel Extraction Project has been lifted. Work was restarted and is now complete.</p> <p>The water level at Heron Pond has been lowered, by a breach of the beaver dam, by Milford DPW (Department of Public Works) in anticipation of Skip Lisle (Beaver Deceivers, Grafton VT) installing a beaver flow device (in the dam).</p>	Chris to contact Skip again. Still no response from several email/phone contacts
7. Interdepartmental review	<p>Hollow Oak – propane tank storage and commercial building on ML 7-4&amp;5.</p> <p>Comments: 1. MCC would like to conduct a site walk with PB (Planning Board) 2. When was the wetland delineated.?</p>	Chris to write IDR memo for review and delivery to Planning staff.
8. Work session	Nothing scheduled until after the holidays.	

**Next Regular Meeting – December 14, 2017 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.**

**2017 Meeting Dates: Feb9.Mar9.Apr13.May11.Jun8.Jul13.Aug10.Sep14.Oct12.Nov9.Dec14**