

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

PRESENT: Members Town Representatives Guests
 John Yule, Chair Richard Elliott (Alt) – Acting Full Member Paul Dargie, BOS representative
 Rodney Dellafelice Chris Costantino (Alt) – Acting Full Member
 Kim Rimalover
 Marie Nickerson
 Andy Seale
 Excused: Andy Hughes, VChair; Anita Stevens

Appointment:

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The November meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by AndyS which was seconded by Marie.	Chris will post on the town website
2. Acceptance of Richey donation	The members unanimously approved a \$500.00 donation from Faye Richey on a motion by Chris which was seconded by AndyS.	Chris sent a thank you note to Faye.
3. Ghost Train 2023 Revenues to the Brookline and Milford CCs.	There are still a few outstanding issues with Ultrasignup’s recording of money owed to the Commissions and the money received. The check to the Brookline CC has been cut and will be delivered to them next week once it is signed by the Town Treasurer. Each Commission will receive \$22,471.63.	Chris will take the check to the Brookline Town Hall to the appropriate town official.
4. Tree program discussion	AndyH/AndyS/Chris met with Tyson Morrell of the Merrimack River Watershed Council to discuss tree replacement/planting along the Souhegan River bank owned by the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club (SVBGC). Celeste Barr from the Souhegan River Local Advisory and an education advisor for the SVBGC also participated. AndyS reported that we walked along the river bank, assessing the existing conditions of the river bank and the associated trail. There was discussion of possible planting ideas and suggestions to minimize the human impact on the bank. The Souhegan River will do what it will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John will investigate Merrimack CC’s process for tree distribution to residents. • He will look into a state program that provides 200 free trees to towns for tree planting on town lands.

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	<p>do. The river bank continues to erode. Possible solutions to reduce erosion impacts are to a) Move the path away from the river, and b) drop some trees as a barrier to keep people away from the river bank. It is a reasonable decision to leave the old rope swing area alone as it is on the inside bend of the river and provides a less impactful location for the public to access the water.</p> <p>John learned that the Merrimack CC gets 200 free trees for the town to plant on town land. They also buy trees and distribute them to homeowners.</p>	
5. 4 th Saturday hike	<p>November 25, 2023 TBD Hitchiner TF to Mile Slip. No December hike – Merry Christmas!</p>	
6. Warrant Article for 2024	<p>Paul Dargie, the MCC BoS Representative informed us that our warrant article request for \$30K for the Conservation Fund has been removed from the Warrant. We will need to prepare and submit a Petition warrant article which is due Jan 9 2024</p>	<p>Chris to make the petition for residents to sign to get it on the Warrant.</p>
7. Reports / Old Business	<p>Milford Community Land Ecological Inventory and Impact Assessment - no update</p>	
	<p>Town Forests: The southern section of Hitchiner TF was timbered in 1998. AndyH and Chris observed, on the November 4th Saturday hike, that it might be time for another harvest of this area.</p>	<p>Chris will call Dan Reed, Professional Forester</p>
	<p>Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing. John suggested that we cut the east side while the ground is frozen, while we wait for a discussion with the landowner about tree removal on the west side of Armory Rd.</p>	<p>Chris will call Amos White to discuss this solution.</p>
	<p>Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space No changes in status for either since last mtg.</p>	
	<p>Groundwater Protection Zoning Ordinance (GWZO) – John talked to Gary Daniels about the septic approval by the town prior to the state submission. John passed this along to Paul Dargie to let him know that it was submitted. Paul suggested that this discussion happen</p>	

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	after the Deliberative/Budget season is complete.	
8. Work session	No work session for December.	
9. Interdepartmental Review (IDR)	Map 25 Lot 95 – Mill Street Multifamily housing. 1)A condition on the plan to have the wetland buffer delineated as a precaution for the site work contractors and future residents. 2) A sidewalk is essential along Mill Street. 3) Sidewalk curb cuts at the handicapped parking spaces.	Chris to submit comments to PB
10. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 with the unanimous approval of a motion by AndyS, seconded by Kim.	

Next Regular Meeting – January 11, 2024 @ 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

2024 Meeting Dates: Jan 11. Feb 8. Mar 14. Apr 11. May 9. June 13, Jul 11. Aug 8. Sept 12. Oct 10. Nov 14. Dec 12