

MILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of January 13, 2011

Present:

Kim Rimalover, Andy Hughes, Andy Seale, Hub Seward - Full Members
Chris Costantino, Becky Lorette - Alternate Member
Fred Elkind - Conservation Coordinator

Excused:

Diane Fitzpatrick, Audrey Fraizer, Rodney Dellafelice, Wayne Hardy

The public meeting of the Milford Conservation Commission was called to order by Kim Rimalover at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: Kim called for the approval of the minutes as a quorum was present and 3 members who were present on December 9 were in attendance. Chris moved that the minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting be accepted as presented. Andy S. seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

Unfinished Business:

1. Southern NH Trails and Outdoor Expo. - Fred reported that progress is being made but much remains to be done. We need to tie-down more commercial vendors. Audrey has worked with Normandeau and they have agreed to be a sponsor of the event. Fred is in contact with Wal-Mart which has indicated some interest, as well as EMS and others. It is difficult to get responses.

Fred suggested that any Commissioner who has any possible vendor contact should make a first contact and Fred can follow-up. Chris agreed to contact Bob Hall and Becky will talk to the folks at the Toadstool Bookshop. Kim will talk to the people at the County Stores.

2. Monitoring - The LCIP monitoring report is still outstanding for the Rotch property (it was due prior to 12/31/10). Becky said the work is done and she will contact Wayne about the report. If needed, she will complete the report.

3. H2O Waste Disposal - Map 8, Lot 38 - Fred updated the Commission regarding the H2O project that had been discussed at the last meeting. The plan was not complete at that time. A meeting was held on January 13 with the owners and engineers which answered some of the questions raised at the last Commission meeting. The operation is one that has 12 truck trips per day. Recyclable materials picked-up from clients are brought to the facility where they are sorted and then reshipped. The work is currently on-going on an adjacent lot. The plan is to build a structure that will house the operation. Drainage will be treated and, to the extent feasible,

infiltrated on site. The soils are very well drained. The revised plan is being resubmitted to the Planning Board.

4. January Hike - Kim noted that the January Hike needs a leader. Chris agreed to lead the hike which will start from the Heron Pond School property. The hike should be fairly easy if the trails are groomed by snowmobiles. Otherwise, snowshoes will be required and the hike will be more difficult.

New Business:

1. CLMC Initial Budget - Fred discussed the need for a budget for the CLMC. The CLMC chair and members need to be able to prioritize their work. Brian Hawkins, CLMC's chair, has indicated that a budget of \$1000 could cover the costs of miscellaneous supplies, tree cutting, and a new bridge on the Souhegan River Trail within the Fish and Game property. Chris moved approval of the budget, Andy S. seconded the motion. Discussion was concerned with checks and balances on the expenditure of the \$1000. Chris explained that all expenditures need to go through Fred and finance. Fred further explained that Diane and Chris sit on the CLMC and help define the program.

Kim called for the vote which was unanimous to approve a \$1000 budget for the CLMC with additional needs coming back to the Commission.

Interdepartmental Reviews

(See Unfinished Business - Item 3)

Reports:

1. Conservation Commission Fundraising - Discussion of fundraising efforts centered on the possible availability of TE funds. Andy S. advised that there may be another round of funds available and we should be in line. Funds will not be available in the same manner as in the past. The tendency is for programs to be much more "grant" oriented than "set-aside" oriented. Additionally, DOT funds are very tight and the state will need to raise funds for on-going projects. Andy indicated that his new role with the NRPC will allow him to stay on top of these changes.

2. Open Space and Buffer Ordinances - Both proposed revisions have had public hearings. There was not much testimony. The Planning Board has decided to hold an additional hearing before it decides on the amendments. The Planning Board can either place the proposed amendments on the Warrant, decide not to send them forward, or can revise the proposed language and send them (either or both) along.

3. Land Fund Warrant Article - The Commission presented a Warrant Article to add \$15,000 to the Land fund. The selectmen voted not to support the article. Audrey sent a letter to the Board asking them to reconsider their vote or agree to send the article to the Town Meeting with their position noted. Audrey, Chris, and Fred met with the Board of Selectmen on January 10. Following some discussion, the Board voted to support a Warrant Article in the amount of \$10,000.

Announcements:

None

Communications:

1. Memo from Bill Parker - Plans are proceeding for possible development at the Brox site. There will be a discussion at the Planning Board Work Session of January 18. Andy H. and Kim will attend. Fred was asked to attend if possible. The Commission recently received the authority to temporarily manage trails in Brox. The Commission believes that trails should be part of any plan and that sensitive areas need protection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Diane Fitzpatrick

Hub Seward

Rod DellaFelice

Chris Costantino

Wayne Hardy

Audrey Fraizer

Becky Lorette

Andy Hughes

Andy Seale

Kim Rimalover