

**Milford Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes December 12, 2013
7:00 Selectmen's Meeting Room**

Present: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Hub Seward, V Chair; Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Kim Rimalover. Alternates: Chris Costantino. Excused: Janet Urquhart. Members of the Public

Approval of November meeting minutes: November meeting minutes were accepted unanimously on a motion by Becky, seconded by AndyH

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 th Saturday hike	November 23 – Tucker Brook Janet U and Chris C led the hike. There were 15 people with 2 dogs. No hike in December 2014 Hike Schedule was decided and members selected the hikes they will lead	Chris C will send a Christmas greeting and reminder that there is no December hike this month.
2. Workshop Reports	NRCS Annual Meeting – Yvonne Beran (volunteer to Commission) and Chris C. Invasives NHANRS Wetland Delineation Workshop - Chris C	
3. Process for citizen complaints of potential NR violations	Dana MacAllister, Building Inspector, would like to keep the process as fluid as possible, as not all circumstances can be anticipated. He would prefer that Fred E or Chris C proactively visit the site, as we have more knowledge about the potential impacts. Fred E can file violations; he has the same enforcement powers as Dana or Tim	
4. Warrant Articles	Warrant Articles are due – December 31 (end of year 2013) >Land Fund request of \$20,000 - written >Easements – Mile Slip – see #15 below >Episcopal/Rotch property merge and accept as a Town Forest – submitted to BOS for signature and then delivery to HCRD	Chris C will take the lot merger to HCRD once it is signed by the BOS Chris C will write warrant article for the addition of the Rotch/Episcopal property to the Rotch TF.
5. Rail Trail bridge over Armory Rd	Reviewed, discussed and finalized the RFPQ.	Chris C will send out on Monday
6. Website Update		Audrey F will send out the needed blurbs for members to choose and update/edit

7. QR Code Trail	MIT (aka DO-IT) would like to create a QR trail in Milford. After discussion, the members like the idea of the trail, but have questions that they would like to address to Tracy Hutchins, Director of MIT.	Chris C will set an appointment with Tracy at the January meeting.
8. Open Space Conservation Overlay District	Audrey F updated the members that the proposed changes to the OSCD have been tabled until 2014. This also includes proposed changes to the other zoning districts as regards to Innovative Residential Design.	
9. Work session dates	Next work session is January 16. Discuss proposals for Armory Rd Bike/Pedestrian bridge and Chapter 2 of the Conservation Plan.	Chris C will distribute proposals and Chapter 2 of the Conservation Plan
10. Brox Committee update	Audrey F updated the members on the Brox Community Lands Update Committee. There is a hike scheduled with the MCAA and Jerry Guthrie, Landscape Designer, who will sketch a layout of fields for future meeting review.	
11. Interdepartmental reviews	<p>Comments/Questions arising from review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Hammond Road – wetlands shouldn't cross property boundaries when possible. >Colburn/Nye Drive - Lori Sommer, the wetland mitigation coordinator, has asked for a renewal of the letter of commitment to oversee and manage the parcels 51-1-32 and 51-1. Lori also asked that, within the body of the letter, you outline how the conservation commission intends to manage the conservation easements. I have attached the subdivision plans showing the proposed parcels and the original 2007 letter of commitment. 	Chris C will write up comments for both Planning and NH DES
12. Non-public Session RSA 91-A:3 Ild	On a motion by Kim, seconded by Andy H; the Commission went into Non-Public Session. Members were polled; it was unanimous. On a motion by Becky, seconded by Kim; polling was unanimous, the minutes of the NPS will be sealed. On a motion by Andy H, seconded by Becky, polling unanimous, the NP session was closed.	
13. Other	Jim Deckman attended a second meeting.	
14. Trails Committee	Jon Thunberg sent an email that requested that the new metal blazes be enlarged to the same size as the painted blazes	This will be discussed at the next trails committee meeting in March

15. Mile Slip Town Forest easement	Members discussed the possibility of an ATV restriction that would be included in the easement. Audrey F did a poll of each member present. The consensus of the commission was that unless there is an established ATV club to manage the trails, ATV use on the trails will continue to be prohibited at Mile Slip.	Chris C will check to see if ATVs are allowed on Class VI roads.
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