

Meeting called to order in the BOS Meeting Room at the Milford Town Hall at 7:00

Present:

Full members: Audrey Frazier, Chair; Kim Rimalover, V. Chair; Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Hub Seward.

Alternate members: Chris Costantino

Guests: Janet Urquhart, Diane Morin, Jon Thunberg, Steve Trombly, Joshua Clemens

Minutes: February 9th meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Kim, seconded by Andy.
Unanimous

Discussion Items

1. Introduction of Diane Morin who is interested in joining the commission as a full member. She is a GIS analyst for the City of Concord living in Milford. She has a degree in Environmental Science and wants to put that education, her GIS experience, and her love of the neighborhood trails to work for the commission. Audrey told Diane of the suggested 3 meeting attendance prior to becoming a member so that both the commission and she feel comfortable that this is a good fit. Diane remained for the rest of the meeting contributing as needed.
2. The commission formally accepted Janet Urquhart's application to become a member of the commission. Chris will submit a letter of recommendation to the BOS that they appoint Janet as a full member of the commission, term to end 2014.
3. Trombly Souhegan River Bank Stabilization Project
 - a. Steve Trombly summarized the reason for his Souhegan River Bank Stabilization project. Several trees had fallen in the river creating a swirling effect that was accelerating erosion of the river bank. He removed the trees but left the stumps in place.
 - b. There was a site visit on February 23 with representatives from F&G, DES, NRCS, SoRLAC and the commission present. NRCS will design a bank stabilization plan and provide funding to plant a 35' vegetated strip along the top of the bank. Steve estimates that 20,000 1 gallon sized plants will be planted. DES approved the idea of the bank stabilization; however, it did not consider it an emergency, so Steve needs to go through the normal wetlands permitting process. Steve is still waiting for a plan from NRCS.
 - c. The commission approves of his stabilization project and will write a letter to the ZBA recommending a special exception to work in the wetland buffer be granted to Steve
4. Joshua Clemens: William Hornaday Silver Award, awarded for distinguished service in natural resource conservation.
 - a. Joshua did the Kaley Park Canoe Launch Eagle Scout project for the commission
 - b. He would like to win the W.H. Silver Medal which requires the completion of 4 projects from a list of 8 categories: *(suggestions from the commission)*
 - i. Energy conservation – *contact Jill Longval of NRPC for suggestions*
 - ii. Soil and water conservation
 - iii. Fish and Wildlife management - *create a beaver management/policy plan for the commission*
 - iv. Forestry and Range Management – *summarize the timber harvest plans*
 - v. Air and water pollution control – *create a pet waste plan for the town. He should contact Nicole Banks, Recreation Director, for guidance*
 - vi. Resource recovery
 - vii. Hazardous Material Disposal and Management – *contact DPW about hazardous waste collection day in May. Or create an environmental flyer about batteries and their disposal*
 - viii. Invasive Species Control - *contact DPW to find out where Japanese knotweed treatments have been done. Assess treatment and results. Or do something about purple loosestrife in town.*
5. Tucker Brook Management Plan
 - a. The commission reviewed the TBTF management plan. Hub presented a summary of the two areas for which timbering is suggested in the next 6 years.

- b. Chris will contact Dave Wheeler, an abutter, for access to these areas
 - c. Chris will research the timber rights of Bill Burns, if any, before proposing any timbering in that section of TBTF
 - d. Chris will research access to the former Sullivan lot, which may be blocked by the farming rights on the former Millimet property.
 - e. Chris will determine if mountain laurel is a protected species.
6. Backyard Neighbor letter – Audrey will have for next meeting, if not sooner
 7. Chris will create a facebook account for the commission. Diane Morin offered her assistance.
 8. 2013 Expo
 - a. Chris will research costs and revenues of the 2009 Expo to determine if there is a value to paying for table cloths and curtains separating vendors. This was a single huge item driving the cost of the 2011 expo
 - b. Chris will contact Hampshire Hills for a 2013 date
 - c. Chris will prepare a “Save the Date” card to be sent to prospective vendors after review by the commission
 9. Rail Trail section from Union St to Rt 101 tunnel: Chris talked with Larry Keniston, Intermodal Facilities Engineer, from DOT. He is planning a visit to Wilton in the next few weeks and will stop by to take a look at the rail trail section that runs parallel to Rt. 101 bypass. Hopefully we will get info about the best manner to improve this section of trail. He will try to bring the District 5 maintenance engineer with him. Larry will bring the cross-section plan of the crossing and any other plans that he can find.