

Meeting called to order in the BOS Meeting Room at the Milford Town Hall at 7:02 pm

Present:

Full members: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Hub Seward, VChair; Andy Hughes. . Excused, Becky Lorette, Kim Rimalover, Janet Urquhart

Alternate Members: Chris Costantino, Rodney Dellafelice, Andy Seale

Guests: Kathy Bauer, BOS representative; Cynthia Nichols, Independent Biologist; Laura Deming, NH Audubon Biologist; members of the public.

Minutes: Minutes for the May meeting approval tabled until a quorum is present.

Discussion Items

1. May 13 BOS meeting. As a result:
 - a. There will be a formation of a committee to plan for future uses at Brox. Audrey is working with Bill Parker on this.
 - b. Audrey drafted and sent a set of Norms under which the Conservation Commission and BEC will cooperate. At this time, there has been no response from BEC.
2. Hitchiner Town Forest – Kingdom of Goldenvale, part of Amtgard, a battle gaming and live-action fantasy roleplaying and boffer combat game, has asked for permission to hold an event at Hitchiner TF in July 2014. Chris met with David Graves, who is the organizer for this event. They discussed the difficulties of hosting an event at Hitchiner. Chris suggested that David check Brox and Mile Slip for suitability. David will need permission from the BOS to use Brox.
3. Stormwater Day at Heron Pond Elem. School – cancelled due to really bad weather forecast. Will hold another one in 2014 at discretion of the school staff
4. MCC meetings televised. Discussion about being televised. Audrey took a poll of the members. Andy H – resigned to the inevitability; Hub – neutral; Chris – No; Andy S – neutral; Rod – can't see the need for it; Becky – why not?; Kim – why not?. We will need to restructure meetings so that the work session topics are put on the agenda after the televised portion of the meeting.
5. Vernal Pools Presentation –
 - a. The presenters were Cynthia Nichols, Independent Biologist and Laura Deming, NH Audubon Biologist. Audrey asked them to come to give the commission information about vernal pools
 - b. The slide show was informative. Chris taped it for future viewing upon request.
 - c. Check out Vernal Pool Association. http://www.vernalpool.org/vernal_1.htm
 - d. Vermont has done research on culvert design http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fisheries_AOP.cfm
6. 4th Saturday hike - on June 22 at Tucker Brook Orienteering Course. Charlotte Gray and/or Terri Magnus will lead the hike.
7. ADA accessibility policy on trails in town –
 - a. Chris will create a check list for the members to review and comment
 - b. Assessments should be done independently from 4th Saturday events
 - c. Maps will need to be updated to either include ADA issues or to remind hikers to check the kiosk for latest trail conditions.
8. Expo 2014 – Hampshire Hills isn't booking next year's events until July 1. Chris will call on July 1 to book the second weekend in March, if possible.

9. Work sessions scheduled:
 - a. June 27 to work on the Open Space Conservation District Overlay ordinance. Andy H, Andy S, Hub and hopefully, Rod, will attend. Chris will book the OCD meeting room (*done*)
 - b. July 25 to work on the Conservation Plan. Chris will book the OCD meeting room (*done*)
10. Krook Property – Map 38 Lot 1 on Savage Rd
 - a. Mike Sebas talked at the June Trails Committee meeting about making a connection between Brox and Tucker Brook TF North. This connection would be facilitated by a trail across the Krook property
 - b. Chris will check for any restrictions on the property. Rod and Chris both remember monitoring this property.
 - c. A letter will be drafted to start the conversation with the Krooks about the commission purchase or Krook donation of a trail easement or right-of-way.
11. New Member. On a motion by Rod, seconded by Andy H; Andy Seale is returning to full member status on the Commission. Chris will write a memo to that effect.
12. Interdepartmental Review – 167 Elm Street
 - a. Hub's comments were centered around concerns about the loss of impermeable surface with 2 new parking spaces and the slope of the site into a drainage swale that was designed years ago. There will be increased compaction due to more traffic on the site which could create more runoff than originally planned.
 - b. Chris will draft a memo to Planning about Hub's concerns.
13. Non-public session at 8:40 on the motion by AndyH, seconded by Chris. Unanimous approval by the commission. Reason: RSA 91 – A:3.II a and e. On a motion by Chris, seconded by Hub – unanimous approval – commission voted to keep the record of this non-public session sealed. Same process of order to come out of non-public session. Return to public session at 9:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm