

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes March 10, 2016 7:00pm BOS meeting room

Present: MEMBERS: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart, Kim Rimalover. Excused: Andy Hughes, Andy Seale

ALTERNATES: Greg Boggis, Rodney Dellafelice, Chris Costantino. Excused: Eric Radloff

Approval of February Meeting Minutes Approved unanimously on the motion by Greg, seconded by Rod

Appointments:

Controlled Fluidics is applying for a special exception from the ZBA because of a 13,000sqft wetland/buffer impact for a 4455 sqft addition at 18 Hollow Oak Lane (ML 7-5-6). The applicant is providing a .9 acre (41,913 sqft) development restriction on roughly half of the 2 acres property. The commission had several requests:

1. Vegetated wattles for erosion control measures; to which the applicant agreed
2. Reduce the permanent loss of buffer by incorporating pervious surface treatment to the proposed paved area to the north of the addition; which the applicant agreed to consider
3. Use a conservation seed mix to stabilize the bank rather than a generic lawn grass mix; to which the applicant agreed
4. Incorporate appropriate landscaping to address stormwater management to the north of the addition to augment the buffer's ability to handle sheet flow; to which the applicant agreed to use in the planned employee picnic area
5. There were no hits for T&E species from the Natural Heritage Bureau's database.

The commission will copy the applicant on the ZBA memo prior to the applicant's March 17 ZBA appointment.

Granite Town Rail Trail Universe Trail : Joshua Smith constructed a Universe Trail for his Eagle Scout project. The sign posts, set to scale, represent the planets in our solar system. This trail was an idea of Avery Johnson, a former resident and member of several town boards. His widow asked if a scout would be willing to take on this project. Joshua is nearly done; needing to backfill the post holes which have sunk over the winter. He will give the commission the digital files for the signs and the kiosk flyer. He will donate the remainder of his fundraising to the rail trail fund.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Voting Day/Warrant Articles	Hitchiner TF Easement - approved \$20K Land Fund request - approved Brox Excavation - approved Brown access- approved. The Brown attorney is working on wording	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	a. February hike at Hitchiner – AndyH led about 6 people on the hike which explored the new trail section to Badger Hill subdivision. There were some drainage issues; but many enjoy the trail b. March 26 Hike – Tucker Brook Chris to lead. Start at Savage Rd parking area	
3. Mitigation Projects	Continued to work on the list of potential projects	
4. Potential timber harvest at Hitchiner TF	We will do a site visit on April 12 at 6:00pm meeting at the Pavilion.	

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5. Pumpkin Festival	We will participate this year – October 7-9	Kim not available
6. Potential members	Joseph Dabrowski attended the meeting and introduced himself. He is interested in volunteering with the conservation commission	

End televised portion of the meeting concluded at 8:15pm

7. Interdepartmental review	<p>Angel Communications: 21 Cottage Street (ML 25-112)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Location in Groundwater Zone 1 will require stormwater management plan 2. Where is the open space located – doesn't appear to be enough to meet the 30% requirement for this zone 3. Use the landscaping areas for Biofiltration systems to handle stormwater treatment 4. Consider using pervious surface treatment; particularly where the employee parking is planned. Would augment any sheet flow resulting from the grade and stormwater runoff from the buildings. 	
5. 2016 goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete update of Conservation Plan 2. Complete update of Policy and Procedure Manual 3. Continued work on an NRI addendum to the Conservation Plan with Yvonne Beran 4. Hitchiner Town Forest Management 5. Trail Maps update and distribution throughout the community 6. Summary of Town Forest Management Recommendations 7. Public Outreach and Education 	Audrey will add some fluff to the list and deliver to Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director
8. Conservation Plan update	Chapters 1 and 2 to review and comment. Will continue this at the work session scheduled for March 29 at 7:00pm	
9. Work session	Work on the Conservation Plan – March 29 at 7:00pm	
10. Chris' review	Audrey, AndyH and Kim met to work on the CCC job description. Audrey and Andy will meet with Lincoln to discuss this at Chris' review.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Next Regular Meeting – April 14 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Meeting schedule for 2016: Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 10; Apr 14; May 12; Jun 9; Jul 14; Aug 11; Sep 15; Oct 13' Nov 17; Dec 15

The order and matters of this meeting are subject to change without further notice.