



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Minutes for Meeting on June 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Rubendall, Mellor, Drouin, Lefebvre, Dickler, Friedman

**Public Present:** Michael Lipetri (Rindge Farmer's Market)

#### OLD BUSINESS

- PURD regulation review update
  - Commission will schedule working session to construct suggestions and submit in writing at future date.
- Event/Workday schedule
  - Workday scheduled for 8am on 6/14 at Converse Meadow, weather permitting.
  - Rubendall also suggested working on the narrow trails at Miriam Hunt.
- Contoocook Tour – Dickler
  - June 15 at 1:30pm, starting at County Road; led by Drouin. Dickler will be present to discuss pollinators.
    - Lefebvre suggested points of interest to bring up to tour participants.
- Clerical Duties
  - Rubendall expressed interest in taking on clerical duties for RCC in fall 2025.
    - Nardini will continue with minutes through summer, commission will draft job outline with intent to transition clerical role in September.
- Proposed spending procedure for Conservation Fund – Drouin
  - Drouin summarized spending procedure outline presented at May 21 meeting. Commission expressed intent to have the final document incorporated into RCC Rules of Procedure.
  - Members discussed edits to the document including the addition of expense brackets for purchasing and approval processes. A revised draft will be presented to the commission at the next meeting.
  - Rubendall moved to approve the draft version of the Conservation Fund Spending Procedure with dollar amounts and amendments, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 5-0-1, Drouin abstaining.
- Conservation Land & Related – Drouin
  - Workday at Converse, County Rd., and Hunt planned for 6/9 with rain date of 6/21.
  - Lefebvre suggested potential improvements at Mattabeseck including blockage to dissuade vehicles using walking/snowmobile trails. Commission will do site visit.
  - Mellor purchased two trail cameras and batteries for Tetreault property. Both come with 32g memory card, are weatherproof and can be linked to a phone via local wifi.
  - Drouin presented draft proposal for a floating dock bridge across Miller's River at the Ford property, complete with renderings and cost estimate. Commission discussed with intent to proceed. Additional discussion and decision slated for next meeting, including approving funds for proof of concept design.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- PFAS You Tube presentation – Mellor
  - Presentation link sent to Commission for review, recommendation to publicize issue in Rindge by posting a neutral video link, or public presentation when the opportunity arises. Dickler will discuss with library.
    - Lipetri offered space at the Rindge Farmer's Market for information sharing.
- Town log of non-public meetings – Lefebvre
  - Interim Town Administrator informed Commission of need to keep log of non-public meetings and status of sealed/non-sealed minutes per new RSA rules.

#### OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application Map 34 Lot 11, 140 Red Gate Road, Wetlands Permit Application, Brian & Elisa Harvey - reviewed
- NH DES 2025-01263, Map 40 Lot 23, 144 Kimball Rd., Reported Alleged Violation, Sidney Thayer
  - Copy recommended to go to Rindge Code Enforcement Officer as possible town violation.
- Intent to Cut, Map 9 Lot 5-2, Abel Rd., Phillip Bartlett - reviewed

- Intent to Cut, Map 1 Lots 5 & 5-1, Robbins Rd., Henry Finch - reviewed
- Intent to Cut, Map 5 Lot 9-5-2, Bean Hill Rd., Phillip Bartlett - reviewed

#### **Account Approvals & Updates**

- Voss trail marker price update
  - Commission signed off on purchase, product on order.
- Dickler submitted reimbursement for educational class for approval.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- June 14 – Workday
- June 15 – Contoocook Tour
- Training Opportunities
  - Wetlands Delineation, Sept 11 & 25 in Rindge as well as others
  - Good Forestry in the Granite State, document review
- Commission agreed that RCC project and class/training invitations should also be sent to RCC Corps/Trail Stewards

#### **Other Business**

- Lefebvre reported on a possible unauthorized cutting violations on the Mattabeseck conservation land and has reported it to the Monadnock Conservancy.
- A possible wetlands violation was also reported by a citizen for 305 Old New Ipswich Rd. at Map 7 Lot 43 where trees have been cut down to the edge of Emerson Pond. Lefebvre has reported this to the Rindge Code Enforcement Officer and NH DES.
- Mellor moved to approve an additional \$74.34 to cover the cost of trail cameras and batteries, seconded by Friedman. Commission voted 6-0 in favor and the motion passed.
- Millepore Sigma SPARK Program – Michael Lipetri as contact: [nexerius@gmail.com](mailto:nexerius@gmail.com)

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - May 22, 2025**

- Rubendall moved to accept the minutes of the May 22 meeting with the addition of the attendees, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 5-0-1 in favor with Friedman abstaining and the motion passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Rubendall moved to adjourn, seconded by Mellor. Commission voted 6-0 in favor and the motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned, 9:00pm

**NEXT MEETING:** June 26, 2025

**Schedule of 2025 Meetings:** July 14 & 24, August 11 & 28, Sept. 8 & 25, Oct. 13 & 23, Nov. 10, Dec. 8.

*And any other business that comes before the Commission.*

*Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini*