



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

RINDGE, NH 03461

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Draft Minutes for Meeting on April 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Drouin, Mellor, Rogers, Simeone, Lefebvre, Rubendall, Dickler, Desruisseaux, Synnott

Members of the Public: K. Stenerson, A. Aho, M. Kolowski

OLD BUSINESS

- Natural Resources Mapping update – Friedman
 - Lefebvre asked Friedman re. preliminary mapping timeline. Several aspects hinge on completion of trail info mapping. Draft in fall with full rollout in winter 2025-26.
 - Lefebvre shared Jaffrey CC's brochure on using NRI system
- Earth Day at Cathedral of the Pines, April 26 – Dickler
 - Commission discussed event schedule and commission assignments.
- Conservation Land & Related –
 - Trail Stewards update – Rubendall
 - April Workday rescheduled to the 19th, corresponds with Trail Steward Orientation led by Rubendall. Trail Stewards will be invited to join workday sites.
 - Work Day volunteers will meet at 8am in parking area of Converse Meadows.
 - Roster of Trail Stewards was passed out, 14 listed.
 - Initial orientation will be held at Rindge Recreation pavilion on 4/19 at 9a.
 - County Road parking area – Drouin
 - Parking area improvement plan to level parking area, square off area around kiosk
 - Paul Knight has offered to donate the labor, RCC will purchase materials.
 - Drouin will set meeting with Knight to discuss scale of labor and materials.

NEW BUSINESS

- Invasive plants – Dickler with Carol Fisk
 - Carol Fiske attending to discuss options for invasive plants at RCC properties
 - Proposal to do invasion and/or invasive plant inventory at one or more RCC properties to identify species and/or make assessment for removal. Plan included three options with one property being surveyed in 2025. Commission in agreement and discussed which property should be reviewed first to prove the process.
 - Decision to first survey Contoocook property
 - Initial costs include: print, paper, google plant identifier
- CLAPA Membership
 - Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association approached RCC and asked to renew membership in the amount of \$55. Dues help support lake water quality tests, milfoil mitigation in cooperation with DES.
 - Commission decided against membership for 2025/26.
- FPU Internships – Rogers
 - President Eden has requested expansion of internship opportunities locally in Rindge. FPU environmental science faculty would like to set up internship program for 2026-on with RCC and requested to present at 2nd meeting in May to discuss, led by Rogers. Commission supported idea and discussed opportunities for a student intern.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- NH DES 2024-01160, Documented Violation, Map 2 Lot 46-1-1, Middle Winchendon Rd/Knight Lane, Mat Olson, Ashoryn LLC
 - December 11, NH DES permitting department updated application to reflect avoiding of wetlands completely.
- NH DES 250320-048, Alteration of Terrain Application, Map 2 Lot 46-1-1, Saybrook Rd (Dale Farm Rd area), Paul Grasewicz of GRAZ Engineering for Mat Olson, Ashoryn LLC
 - DES has accepted application
- NH DES 250331-059, Alteration of Terrain Application, Map 2 Lots 41A, 41A-3, Eden St. PURD, Paul Grasewicz of GRAZ Engineering for Andre Aho
 - Presented as follow-up to Planning Board meeting, Andre Aho in attendance.
 - Drouin asked about wetlands boundaries, was assured by Aho that wetlands expert who mapped area has full confidence in road boundaries with concern to wetland boundaries.
 - Dickler asked if there was alternate route to access common land. Aho explained that existing road into property is walkable and could be used as easement, likewise would add easement alongside edge of property to avoid northern lot wetlands.
 - Drouin will follow up with letter to Planning Board with acceptance while expressing close proximity to guard rails and noting the change in easement for walking access to common land.
- ZBA Case 2025-04 - Variance Application - Carmela Salo Revocable Trust - 79 Candlelight Road - Map 8 Lot 15-1-1 - Residential Agricultural District - Section 2 of the Wetlands Ordinance to permit a stone retaining wall to be built within the 50' setback
 - Presented by Mr. Kenyon Salo, husband of Carmela Salo of above revocable trust. Request to approve permit to bring project already completed into compliance. Commission had previously conducted site visit on November 12, 2023.
 - Drouin will draft letter to ZBA supporting the application to bring the completed project into compliance.
- ZBA Case 2025-05 - Special Exception - King's Way LLC - 58 Mark Street - Map 6 Lot 73-6 - Residential Agricultural District - Section 4.G of the Wetlands Ordinance, meets Special Exception criteria from Article XV section B of the Zoning Ordinance
 - Presented by Kirk Stenerson with discussion from the commission
 - Commission reviewed the application with no discussion from public in attendance. Commission voted to draft a motion favorably to ZBA for consideration.

Account Approvals & Updates

- n/a

Upcoming Events

- April 26 - Earth Day Event at Cathedral of the Pines

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for March 10 and 27, 2025

- March 10
 - Rubendall moved to approve the minutes of March 10 as amended, seconded by Rogers. The commission voted in favor with the motion passing, 6 in favor, 2 abstentions.
- March 27
 - Rubendall moved to approve the minutes of March 27 as amended, seconded by Rogers. The commission voted in favor with the motion passing.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE

- Mellor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm and enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, seconded by Rubendall. Commission votes with the following in approval:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Drouin - aye ◦ Lefebvre – aye ◦ Mellor – aye ◦ Simeone- aye 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rogers - aye ◦ Desruisseaux - aye ◦ Rubendall - aye ◦ Dickler - aye
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 - The commission voted unanimously in approval and the motion passed, commission moved to non-public session.



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- Lefebvre moved to seal minutes of non-public, seconded by Desruisseaux. The commission voted with all in favor, motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission moved to adjourn. Commission voted with all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2025

Schedule of 2025 Meetings: April 24 (26 Earth Day at Cathedral), May 12 & 22, June 9 & 26, 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