



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on January 22, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- UNH/NHACC Landscape Scale Project Zoom meeting – Mellor
 - Tabled for following meeting.
- LUCT warrant article – Dickler
 - Drouin noted that the Board of Selectmen voted the budget to move forward as written. Warrant articles were discussed briefly and voted in approval 3-0. Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) will vote on it next.
- Con. Comm. appointment terms – Drouin
 - Drouin distributed a list of member terms and next steps for those with upcoming renewals/appointments
- NRI mapping update – Rubendall
 - Rubendall provided update on progress.
 - Friedman expressed concern with how mapping overlays were proposed to be layered and will relay concerns to Steven.
 - Steve proposed attending a RCC meeting in February for a presentation, date tbd.
 - Friedman noted that the GIS customer service interface is confusing and not user-friendly. He added that membership renewal is \$700 compared to the \$550 paid last year. Rubendall suggested looking into a 2-year membership which may cut the annual rate.
 - Lefebvre moved to approve up to \$700 for the GIS license renewal from the Conservation Fund if needed, Simeone seconded. Commission voted 9-0 in favor, approved.
- Bird presentation and CotY review – Lefebvre
 - Successful presentation of 60+ for birding and CotY presentation.
 - Seven RCC volunteers attended and volunteered 4 hours each.

NEW BUSINESS

- Earth Day 2026 program committee
 - Zoom scheduled for Monday 1/25 at 7pm.
 - Dickler suggested each commission to volunteer two members to represent to direct the conversation.
 - Dickler and Rogers were appointed as RCC representatives.
 - In preparation for the meeting the commission discussed possible speakers for Earth Day and other events that can be incorporated into the program. Possible topics included lake association presentation on local water quality, recent studies, birding, vegetation, FPU Climate Change group.
- 2026 work priorities – Rubendall
 - Commission reviewed updated list of projects and discussed individual property progress, modifications to project list, and next steps, which was itemized and recorded by Rubendall.
 - Mellor and Dickler proposed projects in addition to new trail markings.
 - Dickler proposed a discussion of new and upcoming events at the February 9 RCC meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Intent to cut: Map 17; Lot 8
 - Discussed at January 12 meeting.

Account Approvals & Update

- None reported.

Upcoming Events

- Deliberative session 1/31
- Full Moon Hike, Tetreault 1/31

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for January 12, 2026

- Lefebvre moved to approve the minutes of January 12 as written, seconded by Friedman. Commission voted 7-0-2, two abstentions, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

- Rubendall moved to adjourn, seconded by Lefebvre, commission voted 9-0, approved.
 - Meeting adjourned 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini