



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD  
RINDGE, NH 03461

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### Minutes for Meeting on March 26, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Rindge Town Office

**Members Present:** Drouin, Lefebvre, Rubendall, Mellor, Synnott, Simeone, Rogers, Dickler

**Public Present:** Doug Bonin, Josiah Ketola, Tom Burns of T.F. Moran, Chris Danforth of T.F. Moran

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Signage rollout/logo – Lefebvre/Bonin
  - Lefebvre distributed worksheet summarizing signage needs for all properties over three years.
  - Contoocook has been earmarked as first property for total signage overhaul in 2026 along with updated to Converse and Miriam Hunt. Secondary sites scheduled throughout 2027-2028.
- Bonin presented updated logo images based off Commission feedback.
  - Mellor defended existing RCC logo as a representation of RCC's existing image and mission. Commission voted to see revisions to logo based on two examples: birches and duck.
  - Lefebvre moved to approve up to \$250 from the Conservation Fund to reprint existing maps, seconded by Mellor. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.
- Data Mapper rollout schedule – Lefebvre
  - Lefebvre reviewed schedule of presentations for the rollout of mapping software to town commissions as a RCC tool that has dual usefulness for other town committees.
  - Dickler requested to formalize mapping tool name – Interactive Conservation Mapping Tool. Commission not in agreement, will workshop final name.
  - Rubendall moved to call the new software development tool Natural Resource Mapper, seconded by Rogers. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, approved.
- Landscape Scale Project – Mellor/Dickler
  - Dickler and Mellor discussed hosting a preliminary meeting to illustrate concept with a select group of individuals before the Earth Day Celebration so that it can be announced for the May program w/UNH extension. Commission asked to identify key players who should be invited to initial presentation to discuss broad concepts. Meeting would need to take place within next three weeks.
  - Dickler proposed zoom program with leads on 5/14, noted time constraint for a mid-April public meeting.
  - Commission agreed to introductory meeting led by Dickler and Mellor.
- Drouin noted that RCC was on agenda for BoS Meeting on April 8 for appointments to the Commission
- Earth Day Celebration – Dickler
  - Dickler passed out inventory sheet of available RCC shirts along with target inventory and requested to order inventory to replenish ahead of Earth Day, request totaling \$368.
  - Drouin moved to allow up to \$400 from the Conservation Fund for shirt inventory, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.
  - Lefebvre reported that there are 6 orange hats and 1 green. Dickler recommended ordering 6 more green.
  - Drouin amended his prior motion to allocate \$500 from the Conservation Fund for shirt and hat inventory, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Residential development; Map 4 Lot 3-1; G. Sepulveda
  - Chris Danforth and Tom Burns, both of T.F. Moran distributed handouts to the Commission for the presentation discussing initial plans for a subdivision off of rt119 containing wetlands impact.



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- 242 acre wooded parcel on 119 along the MA border with existing driveway access and logging road. Applicant is looking to subdivide the land into 37 proposed lots with parcels of 2 to 13 acres each.
  - Sites will be serviced by on-site septic and wells. A number of wetland areas exist; design works to achieve client's desired outcome with minimal impact.
  - Danforth calculated that there are approx. 40 acres of wetlands on the 242 acre lot, with 0.4 acres being impacted. Wetlands crossings have been limited to least possibly invasive route.
- Plans will be further developed for applications to Planning Board and Zoning Board in late spring.
- Minor subdivision; 32 McGregor Lane; Map 6, Lot 50-9
  - Commission reviewed plans provided for a proposed 2-lot subdivision. No commentary from Commission.
- 2026 work projects by site – Rubendall
  - No word from Trail Stewards on property condition with late season snow. Rubendall will ask stewards to survey sites and report back. Commission will address any isolated items.
  - Drouin proposed that Commission should volunteer for Cathedral of the Pines' cleanup day on April 11 as first RCC Workday in appreciation for hosting Earth Day Celebration. Rubendall will call Conservation Corps for volunteers after Drouin connects with Cathedral of the Pines
  - Larger discussion on work projects tabled.
- Rindge Initiative, Tetreault Park Playscape Grant - Synott
  - Synnott introduced the Friends of Rindge Initiative nonprofit, newly formed for funding town projects. There is an existing grant through T-Mobile for up to \$50k for small town projects, FoRI group will apply to grant to fund Phase 2 playground install at Tetreault Park. More detail TBD after grant is submitted.
  - Mellor and Drouin noted that the original subgroup (Playground Committee) that planned Tetreault Park strongly opposed inorganic materials and asked for flexibility in the final decision making process.
- Student Conservation Association Corps Hitch Program – Drouin
  - Drouin fielded email from org looking for summer conservation projects that volunteers. Projects are 10-day trips hosting 15 kids and 5-6 counselors at cost of \$17,500 plus cost of materials. Commission declined.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Troop 308 rescheduled camping; April 11-12 – additional camping request received for Easter.
  - Rubendall noted that RCC has not received online reservations, need to fix system with Victoria.
- DES closed file; Map 39, Lot 13 – found no evidence of violation.
- Intent to cut resubmitted; Map 11, Lot 13 – Anette State Forest

### ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- ESRI invoice

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monadnock Conservancy Presentation: Friday, March 27
- Sharon Conservation Commission Presentation at Sharon Town Hall: Tuesday, March 31, 6pm.
- FPU Earth Day Open House: Friday, April 24
- Cathedral Earth Day Celebration: Saturday, April 25

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for February 9, 2026

- Rubendall moved to accept minutes of March 9 as amended, seconded by Drouin. Commission voted 7-0-1, one abstention. Minutes approved.

### ADJOURNMENT

- Lefebvre moved to adjourn, seconded by Rubendall. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini*