



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

RINDGE, NH 03461

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Minutes for Meeting on April 13, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Rindge Town Office

Members Present: Drouin, Mellor, Lefebvre, Dickler, Friedman, Rogers, Synnott, Rubendall

Public Present: Karl Prüter, Doug Bonin

Old Business

- Sign rollout – Lefebvre
 - Dickler presented demo trail signage, commission discussed rollout plan and trail naming.
 - Lefebvre proposed to start with Contoocook in spring 2026 and shared projected costs.
 - Dickler noted that workspace at Maxt Makerspace might be available for sign engraving needs.
 - Mellor moved to approve up to \$3,000 for initial signage upgrades, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.
 - Doug Bonin presented update on proposed signage imagery with b&w and full color versions as recommended in prior meeting. Commission discussed small edits and agreed on path forward.
- Data Mapper rollout schedule – Lefebvre
 - Lefebvre distributed draft schedule of town commission presentations and takeaway handout. Friedman asked if page would also be linked to the RCC website with the NRM page, confirmed as goal.
 - Drouin asked if ConComm was ready to present, commission discussed who would be leading. Discussed need for 15-20m demo run of presentation. Lefebvre asked commission to review and edit document.
 - Lefebvre and Drouin will work to contact and schedule presentation times.
 - Friedman noted email sent to Steve regarding updates needed and requested commission review and to provide feedback if not already done.
 - Lefebvre had maps reprinted, asked signage committee to redesign maps and reroute existing QR codes.
 - Lefebvre moved to approve up to \$200 for revisions to the public map for distribution, seconded by Friedman. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.
- Landscape Scale Project – Mellor
 - Mellor had zoom meeting with Jeff and Steven and was sent Wapack Range Corridor map, distributed to ConComm. Mellor noted that a mapping and site review would incur cost.
 - Mellor move to authorize up to \$1,000 for Jeff's onsite time and reporting for Landscape Scale Project in Rindge, seconded by Rogers. Commission voted 7-0-0 in favor with one abstention, motion approved.
 - Deliverables include transit time, mapping, report, and corridor map in Mattabesec. Commission discussed deliverables and need to supply budget for a state funded project. Dickler clarified what the state budget is paying for and asked for confirmation on what RCC will receive.
 - Drouin asked if site visit would be done and report ready for Earth Day on 4/25, confirmed.



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- Earth Day planning (Cathedral and FPU) – Dickler
 - All hike times filled, Friedman volunteered to cover noon hike. RCC will have booth with merch for sale.
 - Rubendall discussed display and volunteer needs for FPU Earth Day Open House 4/24.
 - Rubendall moved to approve up to \$325 for printing of FPU student signage, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.
 - Dickler handed out Earth Day Festival flyers for additional display locations.
- Conservation Land & Related
 - Trail conditions – Rubendall reported on Trail Steward canvassing of locations, one reported back
 - Lefebvre noted 4 areas of latticework that needs replacing at Contoocook bridge.
 - Mellor highlighted need for additional “No Vehicle” signs on additional locations. Drouin suggested add’l signage and moving one trail cam from Tetreault to alternate area for monitoring.
 - Bonin noted area at Tetreault that showed fresh offroading tracks near pollinator area.
 - Friedman noted Miriam Hunt and Converse Meadow were in good shape, Synnott noted Contoocook was as well.
- Appointments – Drouin
 - Drouin noted that appointment letters were approved, possibly will be presented at next meeting.

New Business

- 2026 work projects by site – Rubendall
 - Rubendall reviewed leftover projects from 2025, noted general and high importance projects including boundary markers, parking, erosion control, and boardwalk improvements. Commission discussed existing and additional projects for 2026.
- Elm Tree Rock prep & placement.
 - Mellor found rock in Tetreault for 6x8” plaque. Lefebvre noted that 250th committee know of tree dedication to add to schedule
- Friends of Rindge Initiative – Karl Prüter
 - Presented on new nonprofit (Friends of Rindge Initiative, FORi) in Rindge with focus to improve existing projects including Tetreault playground equipment install, courts and field improvements.
 - Mellor will take photos of timer-type structure playscape in Concord NH to share with FORi.
 - Synnott asked if previous Playground Committee would be interested in reengaging with FORi, members previously included Dan Bemis, Rubendall, Mellor. Mellor and Rubendall volunteered.
 - Prüter also introduced new funding initiative to provide tools to volunteers on Rindge trails.

Official Notices

- none heard

Account Approvals and Updates

- none heard



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Upcoming Events

- FPU Earth Day Open House, Friday, April 24
- Cathedral Earth Day Celebration, Saturday, April 25

Approval of Previous Minutes for March 26, 2026

- Lefebvre moved to approve minutes of March 26, 2026 as written, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 7-0-1 with one abstention, motion approved.

Adjournment

- Rogers moved to adjourn, seconded by Lefebvre. Meeting adjourned, 8:32pm.

And any other business that comes before the Commission.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini