



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Agenda for Meeting on April 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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

Public Present: Phil Stenersen, Kirk Stenersen, Doug Bonin

OLD BUSINESS

- Sign committee – Lefebvre/Bonin
 - Lefebvre presented on recent trail walk with proposed trail names for area at Contoocook. Commission discussed consistency in naming trails with loop trail to be formatted *Name Loop* or *Name Trail*
 - Names for signs: Marsh Loop, Pollinator Trail, Paul's Point Loop, Old rt202
 - Rubendall suggested using post hole digger for trail sign install, members offered theirs for use.
- Data Mapper rollout schedule – Lefebvre
 - Commission discussed creating a final checklist of edits to send to Steve for GIS.
 - Drouin asked commission if search based on tax map lots would be worth adding. Dickler and Mellor in favor of waiting for future, Friedman suggested finding cost associated with adding to current map.
 - Commission agreed to explore option to add feature if readily available.
 - Rubendall suggested presenting to ZBA based on a current or former case to show impact. Commission discussed merit of presenting on a live case for Planning Board and ZBA.
 - Bonin noted that Interactive Natural Resources Inventory title is misleading for general public for using the recourse for trail maps and suggested alternative titles.
- Earth Day planning (Cathedral and FPU) – Dickler
 - Franklin Pierce Earth Day tent setup at 11am (Dickler and Mellor), Lefebvre will be there at noon, Friedman at 2p. Synnott will help with breakdown at 3p.
 - Rubendall has clips to attach FPU student signs to tent for FPU Earth Day, also on kiosks.
 - Cathedral Earth Day – 9a setup (Dickler & Mellor), Drouin leading hike at 10a, Rubendall at 11a, Friedman at 12p, Rogers 2p. Flyers have been distributed to Corps and in public areas.
 - Mellor presented display board set up with materials on Wapack Trail Corridor with handouts.
- Conservation Land & Related
 - Mattabeseck – Mellor
 - Noted evidence of atv crossing into conservation land from power lines. Will post signs.
 - Jay Pittorino will move boulders across blue trail across power line as trail markers
- Liberty Tree Rock – Mellor
 - Drouin and Mellor transported rock and will create plaque mount area for installation.
 - Drouin shared information from town and asked if Comm would agree to a tree dedication as part of 6/26 town celebration of 250th at 7p following parade at 6p. Commission agreed.
 - Lefebvre asked for detail on dedication. Commission discussed involving BoS, mic/speaker need.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chamber newsletter due May 8 – Dickler
 - Covers June/July/August, Dickler will include Hike & Paddle Series.
 - Drouin suggested adding article on cautionary use of rodenticide, spraying for mosquitos & ticks
 - Lefebvre suggested adding note of 6/26 event and dedication
 - Next issue has August 8 deadline, if ConComm would like to include a Fall Presentation, must decide before then. Lefebvre suggested Dayton Duncan as speaker and 2nd floor of meetinghouse, more TBD.
- Plans for May 9 workday

- Rubendall summarized outstanding projects at Contoocook including crossing at Paul's Point and lattice work. Commission discussed viable projects. Lattice work, toekick install, wetlands board by Paul's Point.
- Commission decided on Contoocook Workday on May 9, materials to be picked up weekend prior.
- Synnott suggested June project at Tetreault. Added that there are ongoing upkeep projects and volunteers maintaining the playscape area. Drouin suggested resurrecting the Playground Committee to be included in new equipment design and volunteer work. Rubendall and Mellor agreed to be part, Synnott noted that new renderings and materials are being developed and will include commission.
 - Drouin recommended bringing Playground Committee in to discussion prior to any purchasing or formal renderings. Lefebvre and Rubendall disagreed for ConComm involvement. Mellor offered background material and will connect with Synnott.
- Rubendall moved to approve up to \$200 for lumber supplies to repair boardwalk and wetlands, seconded by Simeone. Commission voted 8-0, motion passed.
- 37-resident subdivision; Map 4, Lot 3-1
 - Drouin noted rendering is similar to the developer's first presentation to ConComm
 - Friedman noted significant primary and secondary wildlife corridors that cross property.
 - Dickler noted FEMA flood hazard zones on edges of the property, Friedman pointed out vernal pool by cul-de-sac area that is not noted in wetlands impact on the plan. Concerns were raised on potential wetlands impacts for septic leach fields.
 - Drouin read objection letter sent in from Loren Messina, 145 NH Rt119 concerned with wetlands and groundwater impact who noted they will be retaining an environmental attorney.
 - Commission discussed significant environmental impact, Drouin will write recommendation.
- 16 multi-family units; Map 4, Lot 3-1
 - No wetlands impact.
- Complaint letter – failing septic; 144 Kimball Road (Sidney Thayer)
 - April 17 letter regarding 146 Kimball Rd and documented contamination site, Drouin will respond.
- Contoocook Lake Association holding annual picnic on 6/6/26 1-5p, invited ConComm, Lefebvre will go.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- DES dredge and fill permit, Eversource; seeking additional feedback
- Planning Board Public Hearing, May 5 (7:00)
 - Technical subdivision; Map 16, Lot 7 (Gorman) and Lot 1 (Halloran) – no plans presented
 - Minor subdivision; Map 16, Lot 7 (Gorman) – no plans presented
 - Major subdivision; Map 2, Lot 41-5A (Stenersen)
 - Kirk Stenersen, on behalf of Phil Stenersen, presented plan to subdivide 20+/- acre lot into six new lots off a cul-de-sac road along driveway with existing home and shop lots to remain. Some wetlands present exist along existing driveway area. No wetland relief will be requested.
 - Short term rental application; Map 43, Lot 1-22 (Patricia Weber) – n/a

ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- Donations in memory of Bill Gunther – Betsy and George Gardner, Eunice Jadlocki
 - Dickler reminded Comm about quarterly reports to budget, Rubendall presented update.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FPU Earth Day Open House, Friday, April 24
- Cathedral Earth Day Celebration, Saturday, April 25
- Workday, Saturday, May 9

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for April 13, 2026

- Lefebvre moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as written, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 8-0, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

- Friedman moved to adjourn, seconded by Rubendall. Commission voted 8-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini