



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on May 22, 2025

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

OLD BUSINESS

- PURD regulation review – The Commission reviewed and discussed the PURD regulation and agreed that a meeting with the Planning Board to discuss possible changes to enhance this regulation.
- Event/Workday schedule – The current workday schedule was discussed. The next workday scheduled for June 14 will focus on the entrance area at Converse Meadow to clear and chip brush at that location as well as other areas. The workday will begin at 8:00 am and a notice will be sent to Corps members for assistance.
- Rules of Procedure – Drouin reviewed the rules that had only minor changes. Rubendall motioned to accept the rules with the changes. Simeone seconded the motion and the Commission approved the motion.
- Account Status – Helene Rogers, Rindge Town Treasurer, reviewed the status of the Conservation Fund with the Commission. Lefebvre reviewed current and projected expenditures. Drouin also shared his draft spending procedure proposal; the proposal will be discussed at the next meeting. After discussion about current and future needs, Commission decided to put \$200,000 into CDs to better reserve funds for future conservation needs. Mellor motioned to move \$200,000 from the Conservation Fund checking account into CDs as recommended by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dickler and the Commission voted in favor of the motion.
- Carol Fisk – Invasive plant project. Carol Fisk is gathering materials about invasive plants and reviewed a list of shared books about them with the Commission. With other volunteers, she will conduct a survey of invasive plants at the Contoocook Conservation Complex and prepare a report for the Commission. Survey results may lead to future surveys at other conservation areas.
- Monadnock Conservancy Monitoring with Jen Weimer. Drouin mentioned that Ms. Weimer plans to create a schedule of visits to various conservation lands where the Conservancy has an easement and the need for a Commission member to be present during the visit. It was suggested that Trail Stewards be invited to attend the visit for their respective conservation land along with a Commission member.
- Conservation Land & Related – The next workday will be held at Converse Meadow on June 14 and projects will be planned at next meeting. Plans for a bridge at the Ford Family Wildlife will also be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Clerical Duties – Drouin reviewed current clerical duties and ways to distribute the tasks moving forward.
- Game camera – Mellor reported that someone is doing “wheelies” in the parking area at Tetreault adversely affecting the area. He mentioned it to the police and they recommended putting up a game camera. He priced cameras that with web capability that will send activity to a phone. After discussing pricing, Lefebvre motioned to spend up to \$200 to purchase two web type cameras as suggested to be installed at Tetreault. Simeone seconded the motion and the Commission voted to approve the expenditure.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Proposed QSR & Fast Food Plans for Wendy's at Map 6 Lot 17-2, 1411 Route 119, TFM Civil Engineers/Hilson Contractors. Aiden Schlotman presented the plan for T.F. Moran Co. using the meeting room monitor and reviewed its placement and controls to protect wetlands. The Commission had concerns about parking and removal of the current septic tank. If the current septic tank is within the setback, it will be removed. The company has not yet determined the septic tank's location.
- Intent to Cut. Map 6 Lot 50-9, 32 McGregor Lane, Kimberly & Gary Naresky – Reviewed by the Commission.

Account Approvals & Updates

- Voss signs – Lefebvre presented a quote for trail signs from Voss signs. Simeone motioned and Mellor seconded, to spend up to \$350 for the trail signs.
- Chipper repairs – Mellor reported that chipper repairs cost \$142.09 which he personally paid. He also had paid \$25.17 for new fencing at the Contoocook parking area. Lefebvre motioned and Simeone seconded to pay the reimbursements. The Commission voted in favor of the motion.

Upcoming Events

May 29, 5:30 pm, Jaffrey Cons. Comm invasive plants presentation/potluck at United Church of Jaffrey, 54 Main St.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for May 12, 2025

Dickler moved to approve the minutes of meeting of April 24, 2025 with revisions and was seconded by Mellor. The Commission voted to approve the non-public minutes of April 24 with Simeone and Rogers abstaining; the motion passed.

Dickler motioned and Mellor seconded to seal in Non-public Minutes of April 24. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Simeone and Rogers abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2025

Schedule of 2025 Meetings: June 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.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre