



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Minutes of Meeting on June 8, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Rindge Town Office

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

Public present: Matt Olson (PB), Don Wilson, Jeff Eisenberg (Lake Monomonac Association)

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Map 4; Lot 3-1: Loren Messina – Rehearing of Special Exception, wetlands
- Map 25; Lot 2: Alvah and Kristen Reida – Minimum frontage variance application
- Map 37; Lot 15: ATA Construction - Minimum frontage variance application
- Map 2; Lot 41: Daniel Bullock – Intent to cut on Rand Road
- Map 27; Lot 4: Jamison Van Dyke – Intent to cut on Main Street
 - All were reviewed by commission, but no action was required or taken.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for May 21, 2026 Approval moved by Rubendall, Mellor seconded. **Minutes from May 28, 2026** Lefebvre moved to approve as written, Mellor seconded.

ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- Dickler moved, Lefebvre seconded to approved \$65 per hour for the mowing of four properties by Gordon Services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Father's Day walk at Contoocook Marsh – June 21, 1:30. Dickler and Rubendall will lead with Carol Truesdell helping with Pollinator identification.
- June workday planning – 6/13; Rebuilding of bridge railing at Converse and setting signposts at Contoocook Marsh. Mellor will bring the chipper to finish hemlock brush pile at Converse Meadow. Rubendall will contact conservation corps to see who is available for one or both projects. He will also ask about help painting trail signs.
- Liberty Tree dedication is June 26 at 7:00 after the town parade. Presentation to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

- Landscape scale project went well with 35 in attendance from 5 towns. Mellor will attend a meeting of the New Ipswich Conservation Commission to share the ideas presented. Moosewood Ecological and UNH extension shared information about the State Wildlife Action Plan.
- Rindge NR Mapper presentation to Planning Board, June 2 went well, as did the Women's Club, both by Al Lefebvre. The Women's Club submitted a donation of \$50.
- Signage at Contoocook Marsh. Plans are to install some on the June 13 workday. Rubendall mentioned how difficult it was to paint the "Pollinator Area" sign. More help will be needed to complete all of them.
- Ten to twelve new signs from the Snowmoles prohibiting wheeled vehicles are on the way. Mellor has posted signs at all Mattabesee entrances from the power lines. Game cameras continue to

capture the same four violators using ATVs and dirt bikes. Fish and Game has been contacted but has not been responsive.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wetland setback modification – Planning Board (Matt Olson)
 - Matt presented the Planning Board's proposal to change the regulations for septic system setbacks to come into alignment with the State standards. Discussion proceeded around the difference between classified wetlands and soil types. Rindge does not have classifications for wetlands currently.
 - Lefebvre voiced concerns about the 75' distance sliding over time.
 - Mellor mentioned the fact that Rindge doesn't have town water like Jaffrey.
 - Currently, builders can apply for a ZBA variance to install closer than 100 feet if they have well drained soil and cannot meet the hard requirement.
 - The Commission agreed to contact Tom Perrigamo to see what he would charge to review and respond to the proposed 75' change.
- Matt then presented a proposed zoning amendment to allow Residential Interior Lots (back-lots).
- Monomonac Lake Property Owners Association Water Management Plan. Wilson explained the process the Association has gone through in participating in the Plan.
 - A list of 20 projects has been presented, and funding is available for some of them.
 - An executive summary was circulated explaining the condition of the lake and where the sources of pollution are coming from.
 - Current efforts are underway to promote Lake Smart living and homeowner education.
 - Various grants are being considered for larger projects.
 - Eisenberg stated that the problems they are facing have taken decades to get to this point and may take the same to correct, but they are correctable.
 - Mellor moved to approve \$60 for membership in the Monomonac and Contoocook Lake Associations. Dickler seconded the motion.
- Knotweed has been detected at Tetreault on the hill where the slide is. Our contractor Jeff has estimated that it would be about \$350 to treat that section. There are some smaller areas in the wood chips that the Recreation Committee intends to pull up when they have time.
- Bemis tamped down the gravel stairway and added an adhesive to hold it in place. There is a damaged section at the top of the slide between sections that is not easily repairable.
- Phil attended the Contoocook Appreciation Day on Saturday at the public beach.
- Drouin has two cords of wood split and dried in his yard available for anyone to take. He will even deliver it.

Lefebvre moved to adjourn and Simeone seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Rubendall