



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on March 9, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Rindge Town Office

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Members in Attendance: Drouin, Mellor, Lefebvre, Synnott, Friedman, Rubendall, Dickler, Rogers

Public in Attendance: Doug Bonin

OLD BUSINESS

- Signage update – Lefebvre/Bonin
 - Dickler summarized the guidelines sent out on 3/8, the commission discussed the document, will further review and come back to discuss at 3/26 meeting.
 - Dickler noted that any logo changes will impact rollout, project proposed to begin in 2026, through 2028.
 - Lefebvre shared project scope with recommendations to start with Converse Meadow, Miriam Hunt, and Contoocook locations.
 - Dickler suggested Contoocook as first location for rollout due to public visibility and project scope.
 - Proposed rolling out kiosk at most needed area, signage at Contoocook.
 - Commission discussed the various properties included in this project and what they may need for kiosk and signage. Lefebvre handed out budget copies
 - Lefebvre shared the proposed budget on screen and reviewed detail with commission. Sign costs will depend on material choice (metal or plastic). Kiosk costs will be extra.
 - Drouin noted that project should be known as informational signage update in future communications.
 - Doug Bonin to present a slideshow on RCC logo update and discussed options with commission.
 - Friedman recommended that commission stick to strengths and not update logo.
 - Drouin echoed that he would like to see the logo updated and not fully replaced.
 - Commission will discuss key features they would like seen in logo update, suggestions to be sent to Dickler for Bonin to generate for March 26 meeting.
- Data Mapper rollout – Lefebvre
 - Lefebvre distributed spreadsheet of implementation for data mapping including cost of print material, instructional rollout for town boards and employees.
 - Commission discussed avenues to present new program to town committees and staff to better promote the benefits and usability for town and public functions. Friedman noted that Jaffrey Con Comm already has a how-to page online that explains the web functions and would be open to a rack card promoting the program but does not support a FAQ guide on the program. Synnott agreed that a print piece should be a promotional piece and not an educational piece.
 - Dickler noted that the program is not completely intuitive without a guide.
 - Friedman directed Lefebvre to the Con Comm website to launch the Interactive NRI program as it currently exists online. Commission discussed need for a guide to web function online so that it is a usable tool, also discussed incorporating a help button for new users.
 - Friedman and Lefebvre will discuss taking cue from Jaffrey web page to duplicate. Any other comments or edits will be forwarded to Friedman.
 - Commission discussed alternative locations to host Rindge NRI information, photos, and additional data.

NEW BUSINESS

- FPU student posters – Rubendall

- Rubendall opened file on student posters to share with Commission. Asked if Sign Committee would like to suggest edits on font/colors.
- Dickler noted that many need to be branded specifically to RCC standard and locations will need to be determined, suggested that some may need to be combined. Many will need to be resized, colors and fonts will need to be changed. Some text edits to make them more readable for the purpose.
 - Drouin suggested that localized signs on topic that can be placed at Mattabesek be sent to designed to be modified for print, others can be mounted as posters for display at local Earth Day events. Commission agreed to accepting print of all signs for temporary display or kiosk display at Mattabesek. Drouin suggested an introductory sign to explain project.
- 2026 Work project priorities – Rubendall
 - Tabled for March 26 meeting.
 - Rubendall will ask Trail Stewards to do inventory of sign and needed maintenance once snow melts.
 - Dickler asked if continual maintenance (boundary walking, NRI updates, etc.) for ongoing needs should be included in the project plan. Commission discussed requirement and necessity.
- Document preservation and access – Mellor
 - Previously discussed as part of Mapping Rollout. Mellor will work to get documents digitized and uploaded on Google Drive, Rubendall will make sure documents are also digitized for hosting on town server.
 - Lefebvre added that it is critical to upload management plans that RCC is directly responsible for, while ancillary plans are not necessary right away. Commission agreed to digitizing, led by Mellor.
- Earth Day Celebrations
 - Rogers noted that RCC will have a table at FPU Earth Day celebration, 4/28 from noon to 4p. Setup will start at 11a, with limited parking available.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Rehearing of Case #2025-15
 - No input from Commission.
- Eversource Case #2026-03 and #2026-04
 - Drouin read email recommendation from George Carmichael, ZBA Chair regarding town zoning relief process for a special exception/variance for upcoming necessary maintenance work.
 - Mellor noted that Eversource will eventually have to file a wetland permit, especially as one pole replacement exists within a vernal pool. As long as mitigation takes place in wetlands areas, noted zero net impact. Mellor noted that DES recommend asking for In-Kind mitigation
 - Commission was in agreement on resolution, Drouin will draft response to Carmichael.

ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- Moosewood Ecological – discussed in regard to total project cost.

UPCOMING EVENT

- Town meeting Tuesday, March 10 – 7a-7p
- Earth Day Celebration at Franklin Pierce University 4/28 12p-4p, Commission to set up at 11am.
- Town of Sharon presentation on Town Forest – 3/31 from 6-7p, Sharon Meetinghouse

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for February 26, 2026

- Lefebvre moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2026, seconded by Rogers. Commission voted 8-0, minutes approved.

ADJOURNMENT

- Lefebvre moved to adjourn, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini