



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Minutes for Meeting on May 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

#### Rindge Town Office

**Members Present: Dickler, Drouin, Lefebvre, Mellor, Rubendall, Rogers, Simeone**

**Public Present: Mike Golibersuch (President, Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association)**

#### OFFICIAL NOTICES

- DES letter of deficiency; 146 Kimball Road; Map 39, Lot 16
  - Nov 25 site visit noted patio and walkway located in waterway, NH DES requested permit to be submitted in letter dated April 20.

#### ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- Donations in memory of Bill Gunther – Michael Romanov, Michael Greaves

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- “Wildlife Corridors in Your Backyard” May 28 (6:30-8:00 p.m.), Cathedral of the Pines.
  - Dickler supplied flyers to commission for distribution.

#### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for April 23, 2026

- Edits noted by commission and corrected.
- Lefebvre moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 6-0-1, one abstention.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Earth Day event review (FPU and Cathedral)
  - FPU Day – very well attended. Dickler and Rogers noted that absence of digital payment method prevented some sales. Commission discussed Venmo as an option for future merch sales opps.
  - Cathedral - Dickler reported that presentations were positive and varied, keynote was too early, low attendance for the weather. Good public feedback. Lefebvre noted that range of presentations spread audience out across property with speakers focused for con comms, music and vendors for public. Physical layout and schedule of events could be changed to better serve overall purpose. Noted lack of press surrounding the event in print and online, better coordinate outreach and signage next year.
- Mattabesec game camera – Mellor
  - Photos showed wildlife and public use. Also noted vandalism and theft of signage from red trail area, forwarded to Rindge PD and NH Fish & Game.
- Map pamphlet – Lefebvre
  - Final design received, final order count needed. Lefebvre will get quotes to share with commission.
  - Less than 100 in current inventory. Lefebvre will bring copies to Rindge Library ahead of Contoocook Marsh Wildflower Walk on May 19 (youth program) for distribution.
- Sign committee update – Dickler
  - Commission reviewed guidelines sent by Dickler. Rubendall asked where trailhead vs trail signs will be used. Dickler replied that trailheads are for main trails i.e. starting/entry points. Trail signs to mark trails, trail markers to delineate paths.
  - Dickler moved to accept sign guidelines for usage, seconded by Mellor. Commission voted 7-0 in favor, motion approved.
  - Budget for Contoocook was reviewed and discussed in relation to Phase 1 (Contoocook signage only) vs. approving a budget for entirety of Year 1 (Contoocook and kiosks) projects.
  - Mellor moved to approve up to \$1,000 for new signage at Contoocook, seconded by Rogers.

- Lefebvre objected, stating that a motion approving the full first-year budget would be more efficient. Drouin asked if commission would then stop after signage update was complete at Contoocook to access project. Drouin asked for confirmation that Contoocook would be done in completion except the kiosk- all signage. Lefebvre agreed to this. Dickler noted that before any additional money would be approved and spent, it would come before the commission. Motion was moved forward as previously stated.
  - Commission voted 6-0-1, motion approved with one abstention.
- Landscape scale project – Mellor
  - LIDAR scale printed and shared with commission. Mellor discussed plan to actively track Mattabeseck wildlife corridor through multiple trail cameras, chips, and program to review photos. Costs could range depending if ConComm were to contract out part of this or purchase/install/monitor cameras. Could be presented as a factor in management plan. Dickler asked if this could be hosted on website, Mellor confirmed and will bring preliminary estimate and plan to next meeting.
  - Dickler noted presentation on 5/28, Zoom session on 5/14 and asked for confirmation, Mellor noted confirmation. Mellor will send area ConComms packet and plans to attend their next meeting to introduce project and invite them to the presentation on 5/28.
- Saturday workday review
  - Latticework and boardwalk installed, trails cleared. Materials cost more than the \$200 originally approved.
  - Mellor moved to approve the overage for this account for the sum of \$300.09, seconded by Rubendall. Commission voted 7-0, motion approved.
  - In second half of workday, Mellor, Rubendall, and Drouin spent combined 5hrs chipping a felled tree at Converse Meadow. Drouin and Mellor will return with tractor on 5/16 to drag out remainder. Bridge will need repair, noted that bench on site will need to be moved for tractor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Volunteer hours reporting – Mellor
  - Mellor encourage commission members to add up their volunteer hours and report them properly to Simeone for accurate reporting. Rubendall asked the value of reporting hours, commission discussed added value for grant purposes, annual reports. Dickler asked about option for online reporting system.
- Variance application: Map-6; Lot 50-9; 32 McGregor Lane, Naresky
  - Commission reviewed application and plans, Drouin will write letter to ZBA.
- Rindge NR Mapper update – Adding Map and Lot search function
  - Drouin reported that function would add cost of \$700, additions already requested add up to \$1,400. Mellor, Dickler, and Rubendall agreed that it should be tabled until annual update. Commission agreed.
- Liberty Tree
  - Dickler added tree dedication to Chamber newsletter, plans moving forward for 6/28 7p ceremony.
- CLAPA Annual Dues - \$60
  - Dickler suggested either all will need to be joined or none, Drouin supported this. Mellor asked how many this would come to include. Commission agreed to this, will bring list and dues to next meeting.
  - Dickler moved to join CLAPA at the rate of \$60 for the year, seconded by Mellor. Commission voted 6-0 in favor, motion approved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Rubendall moved to adjourn, seconded by Simeone. Commission voted 6-0, motion approved. Meeting adjourned, 8:15pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini*