



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Minutes for Meeting on February 26, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Rindge Town Office

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman David Drouin

**Attendees:** Dickler, Rogers, Drouin, Mellor, Rubendall, Lefebvre, Synnott, Friedman. Guests Steven Lamonde (Moosewood Ecological), Doug Bonin

#### OLD BUSINESS

- UNH/NHACC Landscape Scale Project – Mellor
  - Mellor, Dickler and Rubendall met in Zoom format with Barbara Richter on 2/19. This was an early discussion about the focus of the project. It was decided to use Mattabesock as a centerpiece and build a management plan that could be shared with abutters and other interested landowners.
  - May 28 is tentatively reserved for a first workshop at the Cathedral of the Pines.
  - The subcommittee mentioned above will meet to flesh out the Mattabesock management plan
- March 10 Town Meeting – Lefebvre
  - Lefebvre reminded the commission that the Town Meeting is on March 10.
  - The BAC changed its vote after the first town meeting from 6-1 against to 5-2 in favor.
  - Dickler suggested we email friends and neighbors to vote no on 14. A message will also go out to all friends and corps members.
- Sign style guide committee report – Lefebvre/Bonin
  - Doug Bonin was introduced to the group and vice versa.
  - Lefebvre described the process and scope that the subcommittee pursued.
  - Dickler presented a Power Point presentation. Our signs are the first impression that users get of the commission. They don't reflect the pride we have. There is a lack of consistency.
  - All kiosks will all use the same layout. Title at the top, map to the left, lost and found box, etc. The size may vary based on the complexity and size of the parcel.
  - Use the same font and colors for each area.
  - Trailhead signs to be placed at the beginning of each trail.
  - Committee suggests we give all trails an actual name, not just a color.
  - Location signs designate points of interest.
  - Consider updates to the RCC logo that will be more versatile.
  - Drouin cautioned the committee to balance a professional look with cost effectiveness.
  - The commission agreed to begin with upgrading and making the kiosks consistent.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Moosewood Ecological Data Mapper – Lamonde
  - Lamonde presented the data mapper on screen and asked for feedback. Additional feedback is to be requested by email later.

- Property boundaries and trails may not match perfectly.
- A link to a user guide was suggested by Dickler. Lamonde suggested we consult the one made by the Town of Jaffrey.
- Lefebvre directed Lamonde to the Rindge planning director for a current map of town zones. Mellor will find and or request one.
- Mellor pointed out that there is Tier 1 wildlife habitat on the eastern boundary of Rindge that will be used in the Landscape Scale project pending.
- All feedback should be sent to Friedman by March 19<sup>th</sup>. He will aggregate and send it on to Lamonde.
- Dickler suggested we ask the Planning Director to review the site and provide feedback. Mellor will talk to him on Monday.
- RCC meeting structure
  - Drouin talked about how long our meetings are running and the need to shorten them.
  - Lefebvre suggested we present agenda items over several meetings, not all at once. Intent to cut and BOA topics can be skimmed over quickly. Try to limit getting off track and side topics.
  - Synott suggests limiting speaking to two minutes per person, with a two-minute rebuttal if necessary.
  - Subcommittees can reduce the need for discussion by the full commission.
- Mellor mentioned a check from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for \$468.82 will arrive shortly. It could be used to pay overage from Gordon Services snow plowing if necessary.

## **UPCOMING EVENT**

- Town meeting Tuesday, March 10

Minutes from February 9 meeting were approved with minimal changes. Dickler moved to approve, Mellor seconded. Commission voted 6-0 to approve with one abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40. Lefebvre moved and Rubendall seconded. Unanimous vote.

*Respectfully submitted by Rob Rubendall, Clerk*