



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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### Minutes for Meeting on June 25, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Rindge Town Office

Members Present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Deni Dickler, Del Friedman, Richard Synnott, Fred Rogers, Rob Rubendall

#### OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Boardwalk Subdivision – rt119
  - Commission reviewed DES application and plans sent from Planning Board. No additional comments.
- Bruce & Nancy Morrisson, LaChance Drive - Repair or replacement of legal retaining wall
  - Commission reviewed state permit application and applicant plans to replace existing timber wall with modular block wall. No additional comments.

#### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for June 8, 2026

- Mellor moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026 as written, seconded by Dickler. Commission voted 8-0-2, motion approved.

#### ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- Saffron Graphics – Trail map reprinting (\$265) – signed
- Additional expenses reviewed: \$73.30 – new signs, \$47.71 – 4x4 posts
- CD Renewals – Commission discussed options and decided to put them on a 6 month/11month renewal schedule.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Family Fun Day and 250<sup>th</sup> celebration – June 26 (*Handout*)
  - Mellor will read tree dedication following parade.
  - Parade to include antique cars, family floats, bicycle parade, Spartans drum & bugle
- July Paddle on Lake Contoocook - July 19
  - Led by Rubendall. Decision to invite Jaffrey CC to cross-promote and join. Path will go from boat launch to dam and back. One canoe available to reserve, life jackets required. Rubendall will invite Jaffrey CC, Dickler to write press release.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Signage at Contoocook Marsh – Lefebvre
  - Reviewed needs for lost and found receptacle, mailboxes, posters.
  - Lefebvre and Rubendall will be at Contoocook at 10a for sign install.
  - Rubendall noted three volunteers are painting signs with good progress.
- Mattabesek motorized vehicle restrictions – Mellor
  - Mellor relocated trail camera and noted continued motorized vehicle use, working with NH Fish & Game.
  - Mellor is working with Town Admin on need for utility companies to seek permission and preauthorization from town/Con Commission for access to conservation lands/trails before entering, citing two instances.
    - Mattabesek - trail used by Eversource brontosaurus as part of 5yr brush control
    - Tetreault – National Grid used parking lot as entry for heavy machinery to connect to power lines.
- Invasive herbicide treatment – Mellor
  - Provided Estimates included Tetreault and Contoocook, additional site at Mattabesek proposed by Lefebvre, Mellor will inquire on pricing.
    - Tetreault Park - \$750 for 1x each summer/fall, \$400 1x fall
    - Contoocook Marsh – 1x fall \$500
  - Dickler advised summer and fall treatment at Tetreault to prevent further spread

- Dickler moved to approve up to \$1500 to treat Japanese knotwood at four locations, seconded by Rubendall. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.
- Work project prioritization – Mellor
  - Mellor proposed adding Sandback Wilderness –improving Class VI road by about 100’ to create additional parking area with contracting through Paul Knight.
  - July 11 Workday – postponed.
  - August Workday – Tentatively scheduled for August 8 to focus on Perry Rd Boardwalk and kiosk.
- Pollinator walk update – Drouin
  - Lefebvre and Drouin led small group with positive interactions from attendees including noted locations of water hemlock by the bridge crossing.
- Rindge Women’s Club Harvest Fair – September 26
  - Conservation Comm committed to tabling, maximum \$30 fee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Fall speaker – Lefebvre
  - Dayton Duncan as presenter, Lefebvre will follow up on 6/26 with proposed dates and location.
- Utility company communication – Mellor
- Game camera uses – Wildlife tracking and security – Mellor
  - Commission responsibility would be monitoring five cameras and switching out memory cards. Time consuming aspect will be reviewing and filing photos, software is available. Mellor noted expansion possibility working with landowners to track wildlife corridors on private property. Commission in favor.
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Treatment – Rubendall (*Handout*)
  - Drouin and Rubendall shared initiative to foster local colonies of beetles to combat Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Treatment includes 300 beetles, \$2,500. A Rindge landowner might be interested in working with ConComm with cost and implementation. Commission discussed inviting Harry Wolhandler to next meeting to discuss in more detail. Additionally, possibility of inviting landowners and local conservation commissions to scale up project.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Lefebvre moved to adjourn, seconded by Mellor. Commission voted 8-0 in favor, motion approved.
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** 07/13, 2026 at Town Office

**SCHEDULE OF 2026 MEETINGS:** 7/23, 8/10&27, 9/14&24, 10/12&22, 11/9, 12/14

*Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini*