



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Minutes for Meeting on July 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Rindge Town Office

Members Present: Rubendall, Drouin, Mellor, Lefebvre, Synnott, Rogers

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Notice of past violation; Map #21, Lot #19-1; Burns
 - DES noted excessive sand dumped on lake bank without permit, no further action.
- Variance application; Map #2, Lot #41-5A; Stenersen
 - Six lot subdivision, lots exist in light industrial district seeking to have residential use. No change to plan.
- Application for rehearing (ZBA); Map #6, Lot #50-9; Naresky
 - Case previously reviewed, no changes to applicant's plan, no action needed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for June 25, 2026

- Lefebvre moved to accept the minutes of June 25, 2026 as written, seconded by Rogers. Commission voted 6-0 in favor, motion approved.

ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- Signage supplies – Rubendall
 - Paint and hardware purchased as part of preapproved budget for Contoocook signage update.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hike at Tetreault, 1:30pm, August 16 – National Honeybee month
 - Hike leader tbd. All trails will be mowed in advance of hike.

OLD BUSINESS

- Proposed interior lot ordinance review – Drouin
 - Residential Interior Lot Proposal recommended minimum of 300ft of frontage and 4+ acres for parent lot, with 50ft min strip to create 2+ acre backlot; special exception would not apply for wetland crossing.
 - The proposed residential interior lot ordinance is intended to give property owners more flexibility to subdivide qualifying lots with new 2+ acre backlot.
 - Lefebvre led opposition to the proposal, argued the proposal lacks analysis of impact on Master Plan, potential lot creation, JRSD, and other planning considerations. Commission discussed pros & cons,
 - Drouin will draft ConComm response recommending the Town hire a consultant to evaluate planning, backlot creation, economic development, and the overall impacts of the proposal before moving forward.
- Mattabesek motorized vehicle restrictions update – Mellor
 - Mellor walked trail with NH Game Warden on atv without seeing activity. Without positive ID of offenders, not much legal repercussion for violators. Photos sent to NH Fish & Game have been helpful in ID.
- Invasive herbicide treatment – Mellor
 - Tetreault has been sprayed. Mellor has made progress with local landowners for invasive mitigation.
 - Additional treatments at Tetreault and Country Rd, Perry Rd scheduled for Fall 2026
- Contoocook paddle update – Rubendall
 - Led by Rubendall, attended by 7. Good turnout of people and wildlife. Joined by Keene Sentinel reporter.
- Fall speaker and location – Lefebvre
 - Dayton Duncan – Commission chose Sept. 24 and Sept. 28 as backup with Cathedral of the Pines, upstairs of Meeting House as potential locations. Commission discussed honorarium.
- Public forum with MLPOA – Simeone
 - Simeone asked for assistance in helping Monomonac Lake Property Owners Association host public forum to discuss survey results. Drouin invited MLPOA rep to join next meeting and discuss action.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of officers
 - Rogers moved to reelect the current slate of officers, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted 5-0-1 with one abstention, motion approved. The elected officers are as follows: David Drouin; Chair, Richard Mellor; Vice Chair, Rob Rubendall; Clerk.
- Membership renewal dates (handout)
 - New process being discussed, no changes to present.
- Professional service; LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc.
 - Planning Board proposal suggested reduction of wetlands ordinance setback from 100ft to 75ft, Tom Peragallo of LEC Consultants was retained to review Rindge Planning Board proposal and present findings.
 - Lefebvre moved to accept proposed cost of \$2,500 for deliverables outlined by LEC Consultants, charged to Conservation Fund, seconded by Rubendall. Commission voted 5-0-1, one abstention. Motion passed.
- August workday, 08/08
 - Project: Perry Rd Boardwalk. Mellor noted trouble finding hemlock planking, backup option will be pressure treated wood, estimates \$1,200-\$1,500 in material costs.
 - Mellor moved to approve up to \$1,500 in material costs, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted 6-0 in favor, motion approved.
- Eagle Scout – Rubendall
 - Rubendall/Mellor/Synnot met with Aaron and David (father) on White Trail by tent platforms down to stream, pointed out where new crossing will be, about 400-500ft upstream of existing crossing. Plan is to raise bridge above bank level to cross and connect to Red Trail. Aaron will have access to Rec Center gator to move materials, old bridge may be used as dock or removed. Work is planned for August.
- Mattabesec Game Cams – Mellor
 - Feedback received from Jeff Littleton included \$1,500+ upfront camera cost, Mellor suggested a subcommittee to determine plan of action. Picture management would cost \$1,200/mo. Suggested that cameras could be loaned out to landowners for phase 2 project. Rubendall, Synnott, Mellor will tackle subcommittee.
- Note – Rubendall invited Harry Wolhandler to August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- Lefebvre moved to adjourn, seconded by Rubendall. Commission voted 6-0 in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini