



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

RINDGE, NH 03461

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Minutes for Meeting on August 27, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Rindge Town Office

Attendance: Drouin, Lefebvre, Mellor, Rubendall, Synnott, Rogers, Dickler, Friedman
Guests: Tim Halliday, Tom Peragallo

Meeting called to order by Chairman Drouin at 6:31 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- Intent to cut; Map 5, Lot 40 – 129 Bean Hill Road, Burt
 - 40 acre lot; 10 acre cut; possible wetlands involved; no other issues noted by CC
- Intent to cut; Map 11, Lot 1-8 – Woodbound and Sherwin Hill Roads, Burt
 - 72 acre lot, 12 acre cut, No issues noted
- Minor Subdivision; Map 8, Lot 37-2-1, 252 Bancroft Road, Glen and Laura Hanuu
 - Tabled due to lack of paperwork from the Planning Board

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for August 10, 2026

- Mellor moved to approve the minutes as amended, Lefebvre seconded

ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATE

- Map and Flier holders (\$63.47) – Lefebvre
 - Purchased for several kiosks
- Peragallo Report: Technical Review and Associated Coordination (\$2,498.75)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dayton Duncan address Thursday, September 24
 - Lefebvre is checking with Cathedral staff about the event. He is confident everything is prepared. The room will hold over 100 people. A hat will be given to the speaker. Light refreshments will be provided. Dickler will be getting PR out after the Mattabesec hike PR goes out.
- September workday, Saturday 9/12, 8:00-12:00
 - Rob and Richard will head up a trail crew at Miriam Hunt Forest
- Mattabesec Hike; Sunday, September 20, 1:30
 - Rob and Richard will lead.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trail Signage Phase 1, Final Review – Lefebvre
 - Dickler shared a synopsis of what has been done as well as feedback from several visitors. It included 1 trailhead sign, 7 directional signs, 3 place signs, and 1 stay on the trail sign. The kiosk still needs to be updated. Posts should be all the same depth and the

signs the same height. The 4x4 posts should be capped. Criticism centered around too many signs in too small an area. Sign installers need to have the location of each post established clearly prior to installation. The next step is to name the trails in Miriam Hunt and Mattabeseck in preparation for sign routing and painting over the winter. CC also discussed building two new kiosks over the winter. Drouin noted he needed dimensions.

- HWA walk and follow-up – Drouin
 - Drouin and Mellor walked Converse Meadow, Contoocook and Town Forest with two members of Harrisville Conservation Commission and found HWA evidence off the blue trail to the east of the large hill and bench. Drouin is researching a chemical to spray the bark of the affected trees. Mellor moved and Lefebvre seconded to spend \$600 to treat the trees in the area this year. We could also pay to have the *Iaricobius nigrinus* beetles released at \$10,000 for 1000 beetles in the fall. The expectation would be that this would need to be repeated for at least three years. There are several neighbors who may be interested in helping fund the release. Friedman said treating the trees with chemicals without purchasing and releasing the beetles doesn't make sense.
- Mattabeseck off-road traffic report – Mellor
 - There are still lots of traffic of dirt bikes and four-wheelers crossing our property. They enter from our parking lot and Camp Wildwood Road now.
- Eagle scout bridge project – Rubendall
 - Friday morning Rubendall will meet the eagle scout Aaron Graham to open the gate at Converse and provide flagging tape for marking the new trail. Work should be completed by the scouts on Saturday.
- Pollinator hike report – Rubendall
 - Seven people attended an excellent walk led by Amber Dewey on pollinators. Mellor suggested we put events on the town or Con. Comm. website. Dickler is the only one doing PR and we should have a back-up plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Peragallo's report regarding the PB proposed Wetlands Ordinance changes – Drouin
 - Peragallo attended the meeting to answer questions. He explained how the "innovative technology" approvals suggested in the study work. There was concern expressed that going to the shorter setbacks suggested by the Planning Board would have to be carefully monitored if more efficient systems are to be accepted. The current 100-foot setback allows for more room for very poorly drained wetlands to handle the effluent. The report suggests the existing setback requirement be kept unless higher technology systems are installed and monitored by town inspectors. These could be part of an appeal to ZBA for a variance.
- Contoocook bridge repair – Drouin
 - Bridge repair completed. Two additional flotation drums were installed.
- Preliminary Discussion, Proposed Cell Tower – Drouin
 - Cellular equipment additions by Verizon are to take place on existing cell tower on Rte. 202. No new construction is anticipated. Property owned by Tim Halliday.
 - Tim also presented a plan to build a commercial building at the intersection of Rte. 202 and Middle Winchendon within 50' of a man-made swale, which Drouin and Mellor agreed was permitted by wetland regulations.
- Event notification protocol – Dickler
 - See discussion under pollinator hike report.



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- Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. – Rogers, second - Mellor

Respectfully submitted by Rob Rubendall, clerk