BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 12, 2025

Location:
Belmont Mill, Tioga Conference Room and Remotely by Zoom
Belmont, New Hampshire

Present:
Chair Pauline Tessier,
Members: Jane Jordan, Tom Ceniglio, Tyson Morrill
Alternate Members: None Present
Student Members: None Present

Zoom Attendance:
None Present

Absent:
Members: Denise Naiva – Vice Chair, Tabitha Lord, Sharon Ciampi

Staff:
Roderick Cameron, Land Use Technician
John Crowley, Land Use Clerk

Call to Order:
Pauline Tessier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Membership:
P. Tessier stated that there are two (2) Alternate Member vacancies on the commission.

She also said that she received a call from Denise Naiva resigning from the commission. P. Tessier noted that Denise has been on the commission for over 20 years and the commission is grateful for her service. Pauline also spoke to Mia Kenison, the commission's student representative, who told her that she was resigning because she was too busy with school work. P. Tessier asked R.Cameron to inquire if the commission could advertise the member vacancies on Facebook and the Town newsletter.

Minutes:
P Tessier asked for a correction to the October meeting minutes regarding The Town Forest pond bridge replacement discussion. She said that the minutes incorrectly state that she spoke with the person who built the bridge. The minutes should say that she spoke to an engineer, willing to look into repairing or replacing the bridge.

P. Tessier asked for a motion to accept the October 8, 2025 meeting minutes with corrections as noted. Tyson Morrill also asked for the minutes to be revised to include an explanation of his "no vote" for the sign motion. Jane Jordan made a motion to accept the corrected minutes and Tom Ceniglio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Conservation Managed Properties Updates:

- **Town Forest:** P. Tessier asked about the entrance sign status. R. Cameron stated that he had spoken to Dan Adel who received the first half of the payment. R. Cameron sent Adel Signs the updates for the color and layout as requested by the commission.
- **Currier Sanborn:** P. Tessier stated that the entrance gate to the Currier Sanborn property has been installed with a lock box. She mentioned that they are still waiting for the dirt fill from a local landowner. J. Jordan said that areas on either side of the gate appeared wide enough to allow a vehicle through. She suggested using boulders to block those areas. R. Cameron said that he would look into that.

Sanborn Farm/Pop's Woods Forest Management Plan

- P. Tessier mentioned that she will be talking with Donna Hepp and Ron Klemarczyk about the grant money that expires in the Spring of 2026. She also noted that the Conservation Commission budget still had $1,500 for professional services. T. Morrell suggested that some of that money might be used to partially repair the damaged bridge on the Class VI Rogers Road, between Sanborn Farm and Pop's Woods and that additional

monies might be obtained from other sources like a snowmobile club. The road and bridge condition were part of the discussion with Ron Klemarczyk during the forestry management site walk. R. Cameron stated that no town funds including Conservation Commission money could be used to repair or improve any aspect of a Class VI Road.

R. Cameron noted that previous discussions centered on using the professional services budget to obtain contracts before the end of the year for forest management studies to be conducted in 2026. He stated that the money could also be used to blaze the Pop's Wood property. T. Morrell suggested using volunteers to blaze the property. R. Cameron said that blazing a property for forest management required a professional to perform the work not volunteers.

Mile Hill

- P. Tessier stated that Brian DeNutte will be try to do the invasives mowing before winter sets in. Denise Naiva met him when he brought his equipment to the site to start the work but D. Naiva told him not to mow because pollinators were still active in the area.

Winnisquam Watershed Network:

- Nothing new to report.

Silver Lake Association:

- Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

- P. Tessier brought up the request for T. Morrell to place nuisance animals. P. Tessier had a question regarding putting 50 or more animals in one spot. T. Morrell said the placement is usually seasonal. P Tessier asked for a motion for T. Morrell to release nuisance animals onto Conservation Commission managed land. T. Morrill will submit an annual activity report to the commission. J Jordan made a motion to approve the request and T. Ceniglio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Budget Discussion:

- P Tessier mentioned that they still have about $1,600 left in the budget. The monies for the sign came out of the Town Forest Account. A discussion ensued regarding spending monies before the end of the year and getting into a contract to secure it. Professional Services are to be used for license persons only. T. Ceniglio asked if laminated trail maps could be produced and installed at various properties for use by visitors. R. Cameron reminded everyone that there are maps at the Town Hall however the Land Use Department is operating on a deficit budget and has no funds available to continually publish and stock maps on Conservation Commission properties.

New Business:

- T. Morrell spoke regarding a goal of working with land owners to manage their land to benefit water quality and wildlife quality. "We are not trying to buy out their land but educate them moving forward." The program is being put on by UNH Extension Association of Conservation Commissions. There is an application process which is due in a few days to select land that meets their criteria and meets the goals. Several potential areas and properties were discussed. A motion was made to move forward with the application for the Large Scale Land Management Hosts program.

Adjournment:

P Tessier requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Jordan made a motion to adjourn and T. Ceniglio seconded the motion to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

John Crowley

John Crowley, Land Use Clerk