BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 14th 2026

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

Present:
Chair: Pauline Tessier,
Members: Jane Jordan, Tyson Morrill, Tabitha Lord, Sharon Ciampi, Tyson Morrill
Alternate Members: None Present
Student Members: None Present

Zoom Attendance:
Members: Ed Stephenson

Staff:
Roderick Cameron, Land Use Technician
John Crowley, Land Use Clerk
Karen Santoro, Town Planner

Call to Order:
Pauline Tessier called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Membership:
P. Tessier reminded everyone that Officer Elections are to be held at the April 8th Conservation Commission Meeting. P. Tessier asked the Commission to approve Tabatha Lord as a full-time member on the Conservation Commission. The members unanimously approved T. Lord as a full-time member.

P. Tessier appointed T. Lord as a voting member for this meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding Conservation Commission quorum requirements. P. Tessier asked if it were possible to reduce the number from 4 to 3 to make quorum. K. Santoro stated at this time it was not possible because the current Conservation Commission was created as a 7-member commission.

P. Tessier noted that at this time there are three (3) Alternate Member vacancies and Two (2) Student Member vacancies.

Minutes:
P. Tessier asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/12/25.
J. Jordan moved to approve meeting minutes
Second: E. Stephenson
Vote: All in favor, motion carried. (6/0)

P. Tessier asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 12/18/25.
J. Jordan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes.
Second: T. Lord
Vote: All in favor, motion carried. (6/0)

Conservation Managed Properties Updates:
Town Forest: P. Tessier stated that the lumber for the pedestrian footbridge repair and stain for sign posts have been purchased. Richard Moreau is storing the lumber. Stain & Sealer for the pedestrian bridges and sign posts are stored in the basement of the Town Hall. The cost for these materials was $168.22.

Sanborn Farm/Pop's Woods Forest Management Plan: P. Tessier mentioned that the Conservation Commission is still waiting for the funding to be approved for blazing the Pop's Woods property.

Winnisquam Watershed Network:
E. Stephenson reported that Winnisquam Watershed Network received approval for the 2026 Milfoil Control Program. The hand-harvesting activity by divers will cost $26,500.00. The State of New Hampshire will reimburse 50% of the costs.

Silver Lake Association:
P. Tessier stated that the Silver Lake water level remains stable. The Association has received approval for the 2026 Milfoil Control Program. The cost is going to be $17,000.00.

Old Business:
P. Tessier asked if the Conservation Commission Facebook could include a notice to invite Belmont citizens to join the Conservation Commission. J. Jordan asked S. Ciampi to get some information to advertise in the Laconia Paper. S. Ciampi will look into this. R. Cameron agreed to make a poster to recruit volunteers to the Commission. The posters will be displayed at the library Town Hall and Post Office.

There was some discussion regarding the new Jeff Marden Town Forest entrance sign repairs. R. Cameron stated that the repairs were underway and the sign would be installed once the weather improved.

New Business:
T. Morrill presented a discussion to the Conservation Committee regarding the investment of Wood Duck Nesting Houses. He spoke regarding the placement and the materials used to build these houses.

J. Jordan made some folders for the Conservation Committee to carry with them when they go out to sites to record the date and time they spent. The folders contain a map and property locations.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026.

Adjourn:
On a motion by J. Jordan, seconded by T. Morrill, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.

John Crowley

John Crowley, Land Use Clerk