

**City of Laconia
Conservation Commission**

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 - 5:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
4. RECORDING SECRETARY
5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.I. Draft Minutes

Documents:

[CC MIN_01072026.PDF](#)

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.I. FB Environmental Presentation

Update on the Natural Resource Inventory

7.II. SE2026-008; East Coast Water Cross Rounds

Closed course Jet Ski races with award ceremony.

Documents:

[2026 OPECHEE LACONIA SPECIAL EVENT APP.PDF](#)
[2026 OPECHEE TRACK MAP FOR APP.PDF](#)
[DES COMMENTS JETSKI.PDF](#)

7.III. Natural Resource Inventory 2022

[NATURAL-RESOURCE-INVNTORY-2022-](#)

- 7.IV. Great Day Of Caring
8. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. LIAISON, SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS
11. OTHER BUSINESS
12. STAFF REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

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1/7/2026 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Conservation Commission meeting on February , 2026, was called to order at 5:03pm by Chair Dean Anson.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present, Rod Cameron, Lisa Morin, Deb Williams, Dean Anson, Daniel Hooberman, Jennifer Kreitzer, and Peter Nagel. Not present was Bob Harrington.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. RECORDING SECRETARY

Savanna Brunelle, Administrative Assistant.

5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were some corrections needed for previous minutes such as incorrect name spellings. L. Morin motioned to accept the minutes with changes made. D. Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

6.I. Minutes

7. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.I. 2025 Projects For City Council

The commission has expressed interest in having a city councilor be their unofficial liaison to provide information too. Members also have prepared a list of projects they want to submit/talk about to City Council. The items are all under old business such as Wetlands Regulations & Water Quality, Preparation of Natural Resources RFP, Selection Option of Natural Resources Chapter of Master Plan, Construction of Gale Ave Garden, Pollinator Garden on WOW Trail, FB Environmental Drinking Water, Water Quality Sampling, Lake Host at Messer Street, and Vegetation Around Perley Pond. D. Anson is going to speak with the Planning Director about how to go forward with this.

8.II. Wetlands Regulations & Water Quality

8.III. Preparation Of Natural Resources RFP

8.IV. Selection Option Of Natural Resources Chapter Of Master Plan

8.V. Construction Of Gale Ave Garden

8.VI. Pollinator Garden On WOW Trail

8.VII. FB Environmental Drinking Water

8.VIII. Water Quality Sampling

8.IX. Lake Host At Messer Street

8.X. Vegetation Around Perley Pond

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.I. Groundwater Aquifer Protection

R. Cameron presented the commission with the protecting shared drinking water resources report from Belmont, Northfield, and Tilton. The commission has been interested in groundwater aquifer protection. R. Cameron discussed this report with the commission discussing its findings. R. Cameron expressed it's critical to conservation and all people in the community. There was discussion about the next steps to identify aquifers and do studies about how they are being affected.

9.II. Climate Change

There was discussion about climate change and global warming. D. Hooberman was asked to research and take the lead on this, as he has a background in Climate Change. The commission discussed how they can help address it at a city level, such as encouraging more shade trees in the city, promote and discuss energy conservation in terms of if you're using an air conditioner, evaluate storm water, and maybe putting solar collectors on the roof.

9.III. Monitor City Conservation Easements

P. Nagel was asked to investigate and potentially monitor the city conservation easements. There was further discussion about the commission tracking these and how to better the tracking going forward.

10. LIAISON, SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.I. Commissioners Comments

Love our Earth Day was discussed, and members were reminded if they wanted to attend. The commission also mentioned other events new commissioners could attend if they were interested. D. Williams and L. Morin mentioned some organizations/websites that have good information on legislation and other Conservation information. There was discussion about previous things the commission has approved and done in the past. The members explained the process of what FB Environmental is doing with the NRI. They also discussed the natural resources chapter of the Master Plan. R. Cameron discussed finding ordinances from other towns/cities regarding vernal pool and present to the commission. This is in hopes they can adopt something similar for the commission to use on the checklist provided to developers.

11.II. Staff Comments

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

Minutes submitted by Savanna Brunelle, Planning Department Admin Assistant.

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Receipt #: _____

**SPECIAL EVENT
APPLICATION**

New Special Event

Special Event Renewal (No Changes)

Name of Event: 2026 SBT East Coast Watercross Rounds 3/4

Type of Event: Closed Course Jet Ski Race

Date(s) of Event: June 5-7 Time of Event: 8AM - 5PM

Tax Map/ Lot # (s): _____ Zoning District (s): _____

Street Address: Opechee Park

Number of Parking Spaces: 40-50 Number of Venders: 1 Number of Tents and Sizes: 2 15' x 30'

Parks Approval: _____ Loudspeaker Hours: _____ Non-Profit (501C-3) ID #: _____

Detailed Description of Event: Closed course jet ski races with
Awards Ceremony same event as last year

I hereby make application to the City of Laconia for the above-referenced property(s) and the development as described. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein is accurate and is in accordance with Chapter 195 of the Laconia City Ordinances. The Special Events Committee and/or City employees are authorized entrance to the property(s) for purposes of reviewing this proposal. I understand that I, or my agent, is responsible for appearing for any and all meetings before the Special Events Committee.

Sign as appropriate (If agent or non-person please attach certification)

APPLICANT

Printed Name: Shawn Dudek _____

Signature: [Signature] _____

Date: 1/6/26 _____

AGENT

PROPERTY OWNER

DUE AT SUBMISSION:

- ALL FEES
- COMPLETED APPLICATION CONTACT WORKSHEET
- COMPLETED CHECKLIST FOR EVENT
- 10 COPIES OF ENTIRE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Savanna Brunelle

From: Tyler Carmichael
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 1:31 PM
To: Savanna Brunelle
Cc: Grey Draper; Rob Mora
Subject: FW: East Coast Watercross Jet ski races

Savanna,

Can you please ensure that Conservation Commission receives the DES comments below when this goes to them for their review and comment?

Thank you!

Tyler



Tyler D. Carmichael | Assistant Director
City of Laconia | Planning and Community Development
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From: Shawn Dudek <nolimitsshawn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 12:57
To: Tyler Carmichael <TCarmichael@laconianh.gov>; Amy Lovisek <ALovisek@laconianh.gov>; Kirk Beattie <KBeattie@laconianh.gov>
Subject: Fwd: East Coast Watercross Jet ski races

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Just so you guys are in the loop, DES has responded to me positively and the recommendations are all things we were handling well last year so we will keep up with making sure they are happy with our plan of action.

Shawn

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From: **Diers, Ted** <THEODORE.E.DIERS@des.nh.gov>
Date: Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 12:39 PM
Subject: RE: East Coast Watercross Jet ski races
To: Shawn Dudek <nolimitsshawn@gmail.com>, Scott, Robert <Robert.R.Scott@des.nh.gov>

Hi Shawn,

Happy New Year! You are certainly getting an early start to the race season this year.

Seemed like a good event last year. Below are the recommended BMPs we discussed previously. I think we agree with the launch practices, we certainly don't want you to create a new problem!

- Observe and maintain at least a 150' setback from shore when operating beyond headway speed
- Try to set course in deeper water to avoid bottom disturbance while racing (bottom disturbance leads to resuspension of sediments and nutrients into the water column which can be detrimental to aquatic life and water quality)
- Minimize shoreline disturbance as much as possible from launch/remove activities and observers on shore, shorelines are buffers and protect lake health
- Have all craft arrive clean, drained and dried to avoid transport of aquatic invasive species, and have them repeat clean, drain, dry activities before launching at another waterbody and work with local Lake Hosts to coordinate checks of vessels being launch and removed from the lake. Make sure wash areas are contained, not draining directly to the lake.
 - Opechee has two known invasive plants- variable milfoil and water violet, and likely an invasive animal (spiny water flea)
- In 2025, high water levels were a factor due to rainstorms leading up to this event, making new shoreline areas sensitive to erosion that are not usually inundated with water. Might be good to reach out to us for additional recommendations once lake level is determined around the time of the actual event in 2026. Be prepared to alter course location to minimize shoreline impacts as a result of below/above normal lake level
- Quickly contain and clean up any leaks of coolant or petroleum products and report any discharges to NHDES
- Consider posting emergency spill response contact info and include it with racer packets.

Thanks,
Ted

Ted Diers, Assistant Director, Water Division

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Theodore.e.diers@des.nh.gov

NHDES would greatly appreciate your feedback and wants to hear from you. Please take a moment to fill out our short (5-question) [NHDES Customer Service Satisfaction Survey](#).

From: Shawn Dudek <nolimitsshawn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 10:06 AM
To: Scott, Robert <robert.scott@des.nh.gov>; Diers, Ted <THEODORE.E.DIERS@des.nh.gov>
Subject: East Coast Watercross Jet ski races

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Good Morning folks,

I am in the process of getting all of my permits into the proper channels for our second annual jet ski races on Lake Opechee and I wanted to get in touch with DES early on this time to make sure we have a good plan in place to have another great event in Laconia!

My dates for this years race will be June 5-7

We are willing and open to work with you on anything we need to make sure we have a safe event for the environment like last year, I have secured Getty Shine mobile detailing with his high heat pressure washer again and we can work with lake hosts like last year as well so we ensure all the equipment that touches the water is nice and clean!

The only change from last year that I will recommend and Ted can attest to this is we should steer away from having a ramp, ultimately the intention was good to have a ramp to try to avoid any extra erosion but the execution ultimately created more erosion, the bouncing up and down of the wood in the wet sand

created a large hole that we had to grade back out after so my recommendation is to not use a ramp and we monitor to make sure noone is getting stuck and creating ruts, our racers are very smart and aware and if someone is stuck we help push and its rarely an issue as almost all of the race skis are very light and the grade at this site is very mellow so its an easy in and out situation so I do not expect any ruts or erosion at all.

Thanks and I look forward to working with you again

Shawn Dudek

603.387.1859