

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - 5:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present Rod Cameron, Dean Anson, Jennifer Kreitzer, Peter Nagel, and Dan Hooberman via zoom.

D. Anson elected both Rod and Peter as full time members for this meeting.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. RECORDING SECRETARY

Savanna Brunelle, Administrative Assistant.

5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.I. Draft Minutes

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

Shawn Dudek was present to summarize the event of jet ski races. Last year there was regional race on Opechee for jet skis. S. Dudek came to the commission to make sure he hears their concerns and recommendations. The race will take place on the first weekend of June at Opechee lake. DES had already provided comments, and Shawn is working off those comments. Shawn ran down the protocols that the racers must go through before getting into the water. D. Anson brought up concerns from last year. D. Anson would like to see the skis get launched from the boat ramp rather than the beach. There was discussion as to why this wouldn't work because of traffic, race setup, and logistics. D. Anson also recommended a designated refueling station. D. Anson also suggested reaching out to the Lake Opechee Preservation Association and speaking with them about suggestions/concerns. There was also discussion about stirring up sediment from the bottom of the lake. D. Anson had concerns about other boaters when races are going on. The racers have designated warm up areas. D. Anson also discussed not transporting invasive species both coming in and out of the water. J. Kreitzer asked about the lake level. S. Dudek explained this was an issue last year, but it was worked out with the Dam Society and DES makes the final call. There was discussion about fire suppression in case of an emergency.

7.II. FB Environmental Presentation

Fb Environmental presentation was postponed until February 4th. Fb Environmental will not be writing the entire natural resource inventory, but that Conservation Commission will have to do it.

7.III. Natural Resource Inventory 2022

D. Anson asked that commissioners review the inventory from 2022 so they can get familiar with the contents. FB Environmental will also not handle the aquifer protection districts. Once the commission gets back the NRI that information will help write the Natural Resource section of the Master Plan. Staff is going to send out the contract of what FB Environmental was hired to do as well as what Resilience is doing with the Master Plan. R. Cameron offered to pull information to help with the process of the NRI. There was discussion about how to get the public engaged with the NRI and the Master Plan chapter. D. Anson mentioned reaching out to get help with writing an article to get public outreach and Prescott Farm for a project area. The commission would like to have programs to have the public come out to and hear their concerns and educate people. D. Anson also asked commissioners to send staff areas that are special and should be conserved.

7.IV. Great Day Of Caring

D. Anson also asked to keep in mind projects to submit for Day of Caring.

8. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. LIAISON, SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Nagel discussed salt usage and its effect on streams and brooks. P. Nagel referred to UNH best practices for winter maintenance. He is interested in discussing this with DPW. D. Anson discussed water shed management and trying to resubmit it this year. J. Kreitzer reminded the commissioners about the Master Plan meeting next to submit comments and that it's open to the public.

12. STAFF REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Minutes submitted by Savanna Brunelle, Planning Department Administrative Assistant.