

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

1/7/2026 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Conservation Commission meeting on January 7th 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 live, such as encouraging more shade trees in the city, promote and discuss energy conservation in terms of if you're using an air conditioner, evaluation 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.