

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Approved Minutes for the Public Hearing of February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Relating to accepting funds from The Davis Conservation
For Keyes Hollow Wetland Restoration Project
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Kathi Bradt, Jim Jennison; Ryanne Schoonover

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom & Donna Clemons; John Mattson; Steve Murray; Gregg Thibodeau; Rob Traver

Kathi called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00.

Kathi asked Gregg to explain the grant funds. Gregg said Keyes Hollow has significant conservation value. Keyes Hollow is the largest wetland on Cold River which is a deterrent for flooding. If the wetland is healthy, it can store lots of water. Some ConCom members met with CT River Conservancy, Lempster ConCom members, NH Fish and Game, a UVLSRPC Representative and a Biologist at Keyes Hollow for an initial assessment. There is water which has been flowing for 25 years from Tracy Brook down about 300 yards down the center of Keyes Hollow Rd and then goes into the wetlands. The question was whether this should be addressed. It was determined that the water going down the road is taking away from water that would be going into the wetland. What is needed is an assessment by a biologist who would develop a list of options that could be done. Rob applied for a grant from The Davis Conservation and was awarded \$15k. The total amount would be about \$24k. The ConCom agreed to use some of their funds and they may receive some money from the Acworth Charitable Trust as they put aside \$2500 every year for Conservation. The CT River Conservancy is going to lead the effort and Gregg and Rob would act as oversight to guide them.

After some discussion, on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Comeau
Town Administrator