

**Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda
December 17, 2025**

Review/approve minutes

- October 8th, and 13 August 2025.
 - *(August meeting attendees - Jennifer Bland, Kathi Bradt, Gregg Thibodeau, Rob Traver)*
- The November meeting was cancelled.
- *The December 10th meeting was rescheduled to December 17th due to inclement weather.*

Public (if any)

Administration, Organizational, and Finance

- **Funds/Budget**
 - Forest Maintenance Fund \$3,916.16 -> \$3,916.33; (+) \$0.17 interest
 - Conservation Land Use Fund \$16,112.11 -> \$16,112.79; (+) \$0.68 interest
 - Pending revenue – approximately \$2,020 in land use change tax (LUCT)
 - Review 2026 proposed budget draft changes (Gregg)
- **End of Year Town Report – solicit input**
- **By-Laws and Conservation Plan** – No change; both will be reviewed in March of 2026.

Forestry and Conservation

- **Land and Wildlife Protection**
 - Intents to cut – *25-001-12-T; Derry Hill Road/Hill Road; Hinman; Bascom resp. for cut; 21 of 56 acres; 26 MBF of hardwood, 400 tons of pulpwood, 120 cords of cordwood. Board approved 12/15.*
 - Permits, complaints, and inquiries
 - Assisted with a request from NHEC for a utility easement on the Gove Road Town Forest conservation easement. (map 201, lot 135 and map 211, lot 1)
 - Assisting with a report of a beaver dam on Cold River vicinity River Road/Allen Street bridge in East Acworth.
 - South Acworth Forest Harvest (map 249, lot 9) – Mark G. is seeking the logger's opinion for their recommendations for the harvesting and skidding of the timber cut and working directly for the town.
 - Land Conservation opportunities – no change; Sirkin Gove Road, Gates Mountain Road, and Hill Road properties. Rob/Gregg are on point to define generic conservation land options to landowners.
 - Easement Monitoring – Reminder monitoring reports are due by Dec 15th to Gregg. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with one of us who is currently assigned to the properties.
 - Pollinator Pathway Update – Janet, Lisa, Lindley
 - Acworth Historical Society requests support with an Acworth Community Charitable Trust application.
- **Water Protection** (Crescent Lake, Cold River, watersheds, wetlands, ponds, and perennial streams)
 - Keyes Hollow Wetland Assessment Review
 - Davis application update
 - Crescent Lake
 - Watershed assessment update – Water Quality Group project management (Gregg)
 - Land Survey update – current state and next steps (Gregg and Kathi)

Communications, Training, and Outreach

- **Community Outreach**
 - Newsletter – next topics and next writer(s); draft due the 20th of the prior month
 - Mark Oct Black bear practices – Completed.
 - Gregg Dec Endangered Species (draft due 20 Dec)
 - Rob TBD Land Conservation Options
 - Gregg TBD Crescent Lake Watershed Assessment
 - Other possible educational topics: climate change impacts; land conservation options.
 - Volunteer Field Events - Keyes Hollow Nature Trail; Gove Road Stream Erosion Effort; educational sessions with speakers; collaborative events with other Concoms or conservation agencies.
 - Annual NH Association of Conservation Commission (NHACC) conference.

Next Meeting – 14 Jan 2026 at 7 pm in the Town Hall.