

Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda

July 8, 2026 7PM

Present -

ConCom - Kathi Bradt, Lindley Hanson, Lisa Hyatt, Mark Girard, Janet Slocum
Public – Gregg Thibodeau

Review/approve minutes

- May minutes – Kathi moved, Lindley 2nd
- June Minutes – Kathi moved, Lisa 2nd

Public (if any)

Administration, Organizational, and Finance

• Funds/Budget

Forest Maintenance Fund	\$3917.31 -> (+) 3,917.46; (+) \$0.15 interest last month reported \$3917.13 incorrectly
Conservation Land Use Fund	\$33,137.92 -> (-) \$32,350.84; (+) \$1.30 interest; (-) \$640.00 Camp and Handbook

Forestry and Conservation

- Land and Wildlife Protection
- Permits, complaints, and inquiries -none
- Acworth Forest Harvest (map 249, lot 9) – No change; Mark G. is seeking the logger's recommendations for the harvesting and skidding of the timber cut, working directly for the town.
- Easement Monitoring –
 - LCIP – Lindley & Janet will meet State Land Steward on July 22nd
 - SPNHF – End of July, we would like to do Sept, Janet will contact
- Pollinator Garden – Its Blooming, signage
- Future concerns:
 - Land Conservation opportunities – no change; Sirkin Gove Road, Gates Mountain Road, and Hill Road properties. An effort is required to define generic conservation land options for landowners.

Water Protection (Crescent Lake, Cold River, watersheds, wetlands, ponds, and perennial streams)

- Conservation Zone Ordinance update– Janet, agree that 1 standard for all the conversation zone is the simplest and fairest way to go. Janet will work on language of the ordinance
- Private well testing – Stephen Murray organized free testing with DES July 29
- Keyes Hollow Wetland Assessment Review
 - Update on RFP's for Keyes Hollow Assessments – Have picked the person for the assesment
 - Connecticut River Conservancy is interested in project and will likely act as project manager once the functional assesment and remedies options have been identified.
- Crescent Lake
 - Watershed assessment update – Water Quality Group project management – 27 action items have been prioritized for Crescent Lake clean water

- o Land Survey update – current state and next steps - still working on it
- o UVLSRPC – culvert survey done – It has been passed on to other boards and once everyone has a chance to look at the material a joint board meeting about it uses might be a good idea
- o Cold River Council – July newsletter had an article looking for volunteers and Lindley's August newsletter will ask applications come to us.

Communications, Training, and Outreach

- Community Outreach
 - o Newsletter – next topics and next writer(s); draft due the 20th of the prior month
 - Lindley Aug Cold River morphology – done and sent in
 - Mark Sept Bears
 - Other possible educational topics: climate change impacts; land conservation options.
 - o Volunteer Field Events - Keyes Hollow Nature Trail; Gove Road Stream Erosion Effort; educational sessions with speakers; collaborative events with other ConCom or conservation agencies.
- Training Opportunities
 - o DES Wetland Rules - Wed July 15th 12-1 Zoo
 - o Green Stormwater Regulations webinar- Wed Aug 26 1-2

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