

# Brentwood Conservation Commission

November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commission members present were Lise McNaughton, Heather Dudley-Tatman, Rebecca Dunham, Michelle Siudut, Jeff Dvorak, Selectboard Rep Paul Kleinman; alternates Andy LaRoche, Chris Knip, Emma Laham.

McNaughton called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Motion by Dvorak, seconded by Siudut to allow LaRoche as a voting member; passed 6-0

## Minutes

Motion by Dudley-Tatman, seconded by Dunham to approve the September 10 2025 meeting minutes as amended; motion passed 5-0-2.

## Reimbursements

Invoice in the amount of \$434 for the drawing from Northam; motion by Dudley-Tatman, seconded by Siudut to approve payment from the Conservation Commission budget (this may be reimbursable from the grant when we receive it); passed 7-0.

Request from Dvorak for reimbursement of \$60 fee to attend NHACC annual meeting; motion by Dunham, seconded by Dudley-Tatman to approve payment; passed 7-0

Invoice in the amount of \$300 from NHACC for 2026 membership dues; motion by Dudley-Tatman, seconded by LaRoche to approve payment; passed 7-0

Request from Doug Finan for reimbursement of \$48.78 for supplies purchased to install concrete posts and reflective signs at Nooney/Munger property; motion by Dvorak, seconded by Dudley-Tatman to approve payment; approved 7-0

## Old Business

- a. Nooney/Munger: Kleinman, Dunham and McNaughton attended the closing with owners Jill and Bob, as well as a representative from Title Pro. A new deed has been registered with the county. A story and photo has been submitted to the Brentwood Newsletter. Any additional charges will be paid for through grant funds.
- b. Trails Passport project: Laham said Stefanie Lewenden is helping to design the Passport; they will be discussing potential prizes and how to advertise through the school and recreation dept.
- c. Conservation Easement Monitoring: Half of the easements have been completed. There is a new process to submit some reports online. McNaughton has written violation letters for two easements; letters will need to be sent certified and follow-up action will need to occur.

## New Business

- a. Community Land Management Initiative: NHACC and UNH Extension are doing a collaboration; looking for conservation commissions to host public workshops. This is designed as a public outreach program; showcasing certain town parcels and offering best practices. Dudley-Tatman offered to submit the application, which is due by Nov 14, with the prospect of using the newly acquired Nooney/Munger property.
- b. NHACC Annual Conference Review: Dvorak and McNaughton attended. Keynote presentation by a forester. Dvorak attended Conservation Commission 101, DES Wetlands Rules & Conservation Commission Role, field trip to learn about invasive species. Dvorak said he learned a lot, enjoyed it and recommended members who have not previously attended to go next year. McNaughton attended Climate Resilient Gardening, Roundtable discussion on Conservation and Development,

field trip Biodiversity Matters (phone app iNaturalist to help identify plant and animal species). NHACC said this was the highest attendance they have had. Dvorak spoke with a vendor about doing a Bio-blitz; this could be something of interest for the town. Laham discussed how this has worked at Seacoast Science Center, accompanied by experts in different areas.

- c. Pickpocket Dam. Eric Turer attended a recent meeting, where it was announced the removal will begin July 2027, and be completed by the end of 2027. A design of how the flow will be directed was shown. Lots of concerns expressed by those in attendance. Turer asked about remediation for Brentwood residents, but was told that will be determined in a later phase, to be mostly spreading of native seed. Gnip also attended the meeting and said there were some very vocal attendees. Next meeting in January or February. McNaughton encouraged continued attendance of Brentwood residents at future meetings.
- d. Dunham said a letter will go to two abutters of the Nooney/Munger property to advise them of the new markers and property borders, and to cease mowing/using that property.
- e. Dunham said there is a ZBA meeting on Nov 24 for a variance on the property where Bessie's was previously. There is a proposal for a drivethrough restaurant, which may impact wetlands, and underground burial of wastewater. Dunham questioned when this will come before ConCom. Discussion about protocol of plans going to Planning before or after ConCom.

### **Next Meetings**

\*Conservation Commission - Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm at Town Office

\*Open Space Committee - as needed

Non-public minutes from October 8, 2025 were distributed. Motion by LaRoche, seconded by Dunham to approve; passed 5-0-2.

Motion by Dudley-Tatman; seconded by LaRoche to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Siudut, Secretary