

Brentwood Conservation Commission

January 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Chair Rob Wofchuck, Secretary Michelle Siudut, Jeff Dvorak, Lise McNaughton, Heather Dudley-Tatman, BOS representative Paul Kleinman.

Alternates present: Patrick Marcoux, Chris Gnip, Emma Laham.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Wofchuck.

Motion by Wofchuck, seconded by McNaughton, to allow Marcoux to be a voting member; passed 5-0.

Minutes

Motion by Dudley-Tatman, seconded by Dvorak to approve the minutes from December 10 2025; passed 6-0-1 (Dudley-Tatman abstaining).

Bills and Reimbursements

None.

New Business

a. Discussion about upcoming articles for BNL. The most recent article was about monitoring.

*March article - Marcoux suggested the Earth Day Roadside cleanup on April 18 (rain date Apr 25). Laham questioned how it works; Marcoux explained we meet at Rec to distribute bags/coffee/donuts, bags are provided by Rec Department. Laham had ideas to have a kickoff "event" before workers disperse, such as a visit from Center for Wildlife; should we bring bags to one place or leave roadside?; challenge to report on interesting things picked up; partner with other towns? The Boy Scouts have adopted part of Middle Rd.

Motion by Wofchuck, seconded by Siudut to approve up to \$500 for expenses related to Roadside cleanup; passed 7-0. Gnip suggested having information about the Commission to distribute. Marcoux mentioned giving recognition to the 2 ladies who do regular cleanup on Pine Road.

*April article - Trail Passport launch on May 16 with community hike in morning. Laham will send info through school.

b. NH Annual Land Conservation Conference on Friday, April 10, location to be announced.

c. Brentwood Gathering. Siudut explained the event and asked if Commission members would commit to be there on April 17; affirmed. Suggestion to bring updated Trails map and updated Conservation Land map. Wofchuck suggested contacting RPC to print a new conserved land map. Marcoux shared a map with Dvorak, received from GRANIT, which identifies conservation land in different colors.

Old Business

a. Member Updates.

*Easement Monitoring. McNaughton said 2025 reports are completed and submitted.

*Budget. Wofchuck said level-funded budget was approved by Selectboard and BudCom. Hoping to encumber any unspent monies in budget towards 2026 consultant contract.

*Open Space. Wofchuck will update in non-public.

*Events. Most events were covered under New Business. Wofchuck said Robin Wrighton will reach out to UNH Extension to arrange an Easement Monitoring training session. We may want to set up another easement walk with current easement holders. Wofchuck and Gnip will work with UNH. Dudley-Tatman asked Marcoux about Fish & Game workshops - Marcoux said we need 3-month lead time to set dates; Dudley-Tatman will pick this task up.

*Guest speakers. Gnip met with Sarah Callaghan to discuss topics that may be of interest; she suggested deciding on goals for the year and then present topics that are relative to our goals. Current goals include overseeing town's wetlands inventory, increasing number of easement volunteers. Wofchuck reviewed speakers we had last year. Land management may be a good topic. Gnip suggested other topics like the Benefits of Open Space and the Wildlife Action Plan. We pay to belong to groups that we could use as resources. Gnip suggested if we personally attend any workshops to bring back a summary, rather than needing to have guests come.

*Technology. Dvorak met with TA Julie Stevens and Block 5 (Brentwood's IT consultant) to find out how things work. We do have a server on site. Dvorak established a new town email address of "conservationadmin@" to log in to a SharePoint cloud account. The new email address is for login purposes - NOT for communication. It will be used simply for uploading and maintaining documents. Dvorak will create a how-to access.

Wofchuck now has access to the conservation@ email address, with a new password. The Commission agreed that all members should have a town email address.

*Social Media. Slowly growing. Laham and Dvorak have both posted. Laham is mapping out posts to schedule 3-4 months in advance.

*Land Management. Dudley-Tatman has not seen any new applications; will follow up with Planning Board. Discussed merging Nooney-Munger and Split Rock management plans. Wofchuck suggested Dudley-Tatman speak with Bruce Stevens. Wofchuck suggested adding parking at Nooney-Munger; also consider kiosk, mowing, trail, pond (dock was removed). Dudley-Tatman applied for a wildlife management grant, which we did not receive.

At 7:51pm, motion by Wofchuck, seconded by Dvorak, to go into non-public under 91-A:3, II(d) for consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Marcoux- aye, McNaughton- aye, Kleinman- aye, Dvorak- aye, Siudut- aye, Wofchuck- aye, Dudley-Tatman- aye.

Public session reconvened at 8:19 pm.

Motion by Marcoux, seconded by Dvorak to seal the non-public minutes; passed 7-0.

Motion by Wofchuck, seconded by Dudley-Tatman to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Next Meetings

Conservation Commission - Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 pm at Town Office

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut, Secretary