

# **Brentwood Conservation Commission**

April 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Vice Chair Lise McNaughton, Secretary Michelle Siudut, Jeff Dvorak, Heather Dudley-Tatman, BOS representative David Menter  
Alternates present: Chris Gnip, Andy LaRoche, Emma Laham

McNaughton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Menter, seconded by Siudut, to allow Gnip and LaRoche to be voting members; passed 4-0.

## **Minutes**

Motion by Dudley-Tatman, seconded by LaRoche to approve the minutes from March 11, 2026; passed 4-0-3 (Siudut, Menter, Dudley-Tatman abstaining).

## **Bills and Reimbursements**

Motion by Dudley-Tatman, seconded by Menter to reimburse Laham the \$50 fee for attending NH Coverts Workshop; passed 7-0

Motion by Dudley-Tatman, seconded by Siudut to reimburse Menter \$110.67 for pizza provided at the Roundtable meeting; passed 6-0-1 (Menter abstaining)

## **New Business**

- a. Dexter and Charlton Swasey were present to discuss putting their property on Old Gordon Road in Conservation. They are being solicited by developers but they do not want the land developed. They had previously discussed a deal with SELT, but did not want the restrictions SELT would impose; another land trust they spoke to was not interested. The parcel is about 80 acres and Dexter has an additional 10 acres abutting, which he would want to include. Their hope is to sell development rights to the Town of Brentwood to prevent further development; but retain ownership of land. It was recently logged, and will be logged again in 10 years. They want to be able to cut trees and haul dirt. Nothing would change from what happens now; they would continue to allow public access. Dvorak asked about timeline; Charlton stated the window of opportunity is getting smaller as they age, so would like this done quickly. McNaughton explained we are now under a tax cap, so there is concern about taking out another bond; there is a bond maturing in 2028. Dudley-Tatman said we'll bring this to the Open Space Committee. McNaughton said we will need to have an appraisal done and see if there are grants to pursue.
- b. Brentwood Gathering will be held on April 17th from 6-8 pm at the Barn at Crawley Falls. Laham provided McNaughton bags and gloves to distribute for Town Cleanup Day.
- c. Laham has 1500 bags and gloves; displays will be set up at the Town Office and the Library. Wayne Robinson will be putting a dumpster at the Rec Center so people can bring their bags there. The Center for Wildlife will be discussing injured animals, and what to do if one is found. A Treasure Hunters Award will be given for the most interesting piece of trash found; Committee members were asked to help choose a winner. Advertisements are on in

Brentwood Newsletter, on Facebook, in Wednesday folders every Friday, at the Library, and provided to the Daisy Troop and Scouts.

### Old Business

a. Member Updates.

\*Open Space. The Selectboard approved the easement for the property we have been discussing in recent months. There will be a public hearing at the Conservation Commission meeting on May 13.

\*Guest speakers. Next month we will have a visitor Mill Dam. Gnip is working on a speaker for the July meeting.

\*Technology. Dvorak received the town's Social Media policy. He has not yet found a policy regarding storage of non-public minutes.

\*Land Management. No update.

\*Trail Passport. Laham said this is moving forward. They are determining prizes, which will include a variety of coupons for business in town (Apple Annie, Wellington Garden, Stout Oak Farm, Library bookstore). Prizes will be picked up at the Library.

\*Social Media. Laham/Dvorak shared statistics since they have increased posts on Facebook. They will develop an Instagram page.

Month	Views	Interactions	Audience
December	190	2	440
January	9,701	154	446
February	8,745	147	448
March	10,687	147	454

b. Non public minutes were distributed for review. Motion by Dvorak, seconded by Dudley-Tatman to approve the minutes as amended; passed 5-0-3 (Siudut, Dudley-Tatman, Menter abstaining)

Motion by Siudut, seconded by Dudley-Tatman to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

### Next Meetings

Conservation Commission - Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm at Town Office

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Siudut, Secretary