

## Approved Minutes Nelson Conservation Commission

July 6, 2025 6:00 PM

Lower Level of Library

Margy Iselin arrived at 6:15, Nina Iselin, Dave Birchenough, Janet Yardley, Tom Newcombe, Brenna Kucinski

Call to Order 6:05 PM

Janet moved to appoint Tom Newcombe to fill position of unfilled member to create quorum, seconded by Dave Birchenough, approved 4/0

Approval of minutes of June 2, 2025 Motion to accept Janet, second Nina Passed 4/0

Conservation Moments Bears, as always at Brenna's, tagged bears not seen again

Details of Old Home Day

Do we need to talk with someone about the space we need, Janet to contact Gordon Peery

Janet to bring tables and tree identification game

Sandwich board with invasive species chart

Various handouts

Sample of knotweed mitigation pallet

Concerns about cruelty to frogs with the frog jumping contest. Some feel that sentiment interferes with traditional childhood play, others would like to explore other options. Interest in knowing the number of frog and salamander fatalities on roads in Nelson from cars running over migrating amphibians.

Summer Program

Dave has been in touch with presenter for Kestrel Program. Likely to happen in the fall as he has not finished compiling the program.

Visit to Gravel Pit pending response from Mike Tarr Have not had response.

Replace Plexiglass kiosk Brickyard. Janet to contact Rob Germeroth.

Master Plan Planning Board meeting first Monday of the month at 1:00 PM downstairs in library. Janet and Nina went to the last meeting and Janet will join her this month. Currently working on Vision Statement. Modeling on Harrisville. We discussed wanting the NCC to focus on wildlife habitat, noise and light pollution. Margy made motion for Nina to be our liaison to the Planning Board on the Master Plan second Janet approved 5/0

Tom Newcombe reviewed the resources in place in case any of our lakes develop an Aquatic Invasive Species growth despite our active Lake Host programs. The state via DES will do the initial evaluation and make the remediation plan and hire and supervise and pay for the remediation for the first year. There is grant funding that is available we can apply for after that. Local fundraising will be needed. Granite Lake has a contingency fund to help pay for remediation. The town Milfoil fund can be used, but only if it is a milfoil infestation.

Trails Committee thoughts on Monadnock view from Partridge Woods. The committee is clear that the work to clear a view from the top of Osgood Hill is both difficult and dangerous and would likely involve more trees than AI has proposed. The committee is not in favor of that plan and is exploring options to maintain some view on the clear cut.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Margy second Janet approved 5/0.