

Draft Minutes Nelson Conservation Commission

April 6, 2026

6:00 PM

Lower Level of Library

Call to Order 6:05

Conservation Moments Loons and other migratory birds are back. Ice is out on Nubanusit in both Nelson and Hancock.

Attendance: Janet Yardley chair, minute taker; Nina Iselin; Margy Iselin; Dave Birchenough; Kathy Schillemat, alternate attending to fill open position

Motion by Janet Yardley for Kathy Schillemat to fill the open seat for this meeting, second Nina Iselin, approved 4/0

Approval of minutes of meeting March 2, 2026 Moved to accept minutes as amended Dave Birchenough, second Nina Iselin Approved 5/0

Update on NRI Are we ready to commit to revising NRI and at what level do we want to do it. Discussed that we have 3 examples Claremont, Newport and Swanzey. Swanzey is the most basic with no field work. All are towns larger than Nelson. We will have 2 working groups each to review one of Claremont and Newport and each group will compare that to the Swanzey report. We will review those reviews at the next meeting and hopefully come to a conclusion then.

Nelson Highlands fundraising update, 655 acre Harris Center/SFPNF

Restrictions for conservation easement that we want to put in place for our donation were discussed primarily no motorized vehicles. Janet discussed this with Eric by text since he is out of the country. He checked with SFPNF and forwarded me their usual limitations of use. They prefer to have such limitations as a separate document rather than in the easement deed to have more flexibility to make changes as needed. All members felt comfortable with that process.

Select Board recommends that we have a public meeting to discuss the project. They are clear that this is not necessary and the NCC can decide how to spend the monies in the Partridge Woods fund without a public forum or hearing. We discussed the public meeting and we are happy to hold one if there is interest. Currently, we are planning put a detailed article in the Black Fly Express and include an invitation to any and all

residents to discuss with the NCC and ask whatever questions they have. We will offer this as individual or small group conversations or a public forum if there is adequate interest.

Motion made by Janet Yardley to pay invoices when presented to Town Administrator to support the Lake Host Programs. Granite Lake \$2500; Nubanusit Lake \$2500; Silver Lake \$600 to be paid out of the annual budget as voted at Town Meeting. Second by Dave Birchenough approved 5/0

Reminder, May 4 Janet out of town, meeting rescheduled for May 11.

DES Permit for water well 106 Rocky Hill Road and notification of planned expansion of existing building and construction of a shed. Janet will continue to try to reach the homeowners to remind them of the town set back.

Town Easement Monitoring tabled to next month.

Tolman Easement

Hanchet/Stasiowski

Motion to Adjourn by Janet Yardley at 8:30 second by Margi Iselin approved 5/0.