

Draft Minutes Nelson Conservation Commission

October 6, 2025 6:00 PM

Lower Level of Library

Call to Order 6:03

Present Dave Birchenough, Janet Yardley Chair, Minute Taker, Nina Iselin, Brenna Kucinski, Select Board Liaison, Margy Iselin arrived at 6:09

Conservation Moments Hummingbirds have left. Nina swam in Nubanusit today with Eagles flying overhead. Snapping Turtle Hatching season with multiple casualties on Nubanusit Road . Some have gotten into the lake.

Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2025 meeting. Janet moved to approve minutes as corrected to include Dave Birchenough to those present. Second by Margy Iselin. Passed 4/0

Glass Hammer Property on Old Stoddard Road has been subdivided and a building permit has been issued by the Select Board. The foundation that had been poured is on the other parcel. I spoke with the contractor on 9/1/25, who was cutting trees for the building site, shared the plans with me and assured me that all the old trees were to be saved and no cutting would happen near the wetland. On 10/5, there was a clear view from Old Stoddard Road to the wetland and there is no DES wetland permit.

Master Plan. The Conservation section needs to be updated. Nina is working on that. I'm hoping to pull together a map that will show land covered by conservation easements in 2010 and another with same as of 2025. The Harris Center is compiling that data for easements that they hold or monitor and I will contact the Monadnock Conservancy for their data and we have the information on the easements that the Town holds. We will also need a brief history of the acquisition of Partridge Woods. Nina Iselin is working on this also. Tentative date for Town presentation on draft of updates to Master Plan on November 13, 2025.

Trail maintenance and building Workshop at Cardigan Lodge Sponsored by NHACC and the AMC. Al and I attended and found it very helpful Considering hiring them to do a further training session in Nelson to look at some of our trouble spots in Partridge Woods, e.g., Wheeler Trail persistently wet area, water bars on Ethan's Way and options to maintain the view of Monadnock on Ridge Trail near Osgood, Would explore sharing the cost and participants with CC's in our area like Keene, Harrisville, Troy. Expect to get contact info for AMC soon to get a budget for the training.

Motion to reimburse Al Stoops \$35.00 and Janet Yardley \$35.00 for the training day last week on trail citing and maintenance. Moved Margy Iselin, second Dave Birchenough Passed 4/0

Motion to reimburse for NHACC Conference at \$60.00 each for Dave, Nina and Margy. Motion made by Janet Yardley, second by Margy Iselin Passed 4/0. Each person who has registered will submit their invoice to Edie Drinkwater.

Update Tolman Pond Easement See addendum written by Nina Iselin. Motion by Margy Iselin and second by Dave Borchonough passed 4/0.

Great Meadow Conservation Easement concerns: Beavers, removal of beaver dams, fill placed by Johnsons several years ago. Janet is in discussion with Eric Masterson about the beaver dams being removed by hand work, which is legal. No one knows who is doing the work. Report of removal of a beaver dam below Bancroft Road which is in Harrisville. Janet will notify the Harrisville Conservation Commission. Dave reminds us that the Johnson's had a detailed plan for remediation of the fill to the great meadows several years ago and the plan was not implemented. Janet will investigate and discuss with Eric Masterson at the Harris Center. Dave States that the plan is in the Johnson's property file.

Kestrel Nesting Program is now scheduled for November 12, 2025 in the Town Hall. Dave will do publicity via Black Fly and Posters and sandwich board in front of the library.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:23 by Janet Yardley second Nina Iselin Passed 4/0

Next Meeting November 3, 2025

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