Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC)
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2026
Time: 3:05 PM – 4:40 PM
Location: Thornton Town Hall

Present

Mike Boisvert, Max Goddard, Myrtle Lewis (Chair), Jerry Sobolewski, Konrad Wagner

Absent

Al Lewis, Mike Retelle

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1. Call to Order

Chair Myrtle Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

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2. Approval of Minutes — May 12, 2026

- The May 12, 2026, meeting minutes were distributed electronically in advance.
- **Motion:** To approve the minutes as presented.
- **Vote:** Passed unanimously by those who attended the meeting (4–0).

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3. Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest Moth Night

Konrad Wagner provided an update on the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest Moth Night program, which was co-sponsored by the Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC).

- Konrad attended the event and reported approximately 25 participants, including visitors from Georgia, North Carolina, Plymouth, and Lebanon.
- The Executive Director of Hubbard Brook expressed interest in continuing to collaborate with the TCC on future programs.
- Brendan Leonardi served as host for the evening.

- While relatively few moths were observed, Konrad noted that moth activity is generally greater later in the summer. The focus of this program was on observing moth species that survived the winter.
- Research conducted at Hubbard Brook includes wildlife inventories and long-term water monitoring.
- Konrad authored an article about the program on behalf of the Commission for publication in *The Record Enterprise*.

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4. Central NH Climbers Parking Lot

- Konrad reported that he attended a White Mountain National Forest presentation at the Mad River Tavern. Approximately 25 people were in attendance.
- Chris, representing Central NH Climbers, was also present and announced that the new parking lot is now open.
- Konrad discussed the possibility of installing a bat box at the parking lot. Chris indicated that he would be receptive to the idea.

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5. National Night Out – August 4, 2026

- National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Branch Brook Campground.
- In previous years, the TCC has hosted an informational table to engage residents about the protection of local natural resources.
- Last year, a handmade mountain-themed photo cutout proved very popular, and stickers were distributed to children.
- Konrad suggested raffling a bat box as a way to encourage residents to subscribe to TCC meeting updates. Myrtle explained that there are restrictions that prevent the Commission from conducting a raffle.
- Myrtle indicated that she is unable to coordinate the event this year and asked whether another Commission member would be willing to take the lead.
- In the meantime, Myrtle will reserve a space for the Commission. If no volunteer comes forward, the reservation can be canceled.

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6. TCC Website Update

- Konrad reported that he contacted the Town regarding corrections needed to the Conservation Commission webpage, including updates to Commission membership information.
- He expressed reluctance to continue submitting corrections after receiving what he felt was a curt response.
- Myrtle indicated that she would follow up with the Town regarding the matter.

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7. Other Business

- Konrad shared a summary of the NH Coverts Project training program attended by himself and Max Goddard. The four-day program focuses on wildlife conservation, forest stewardship, and effective public outreach.
- Mike Boisvert announced that he will be presenting **"Out in the Wild: From the Closet to the Summit"** at the Quincy Bog Nature Center on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7:00 PM. All were invited to attend.

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Prepared by:
Mike Boisvert
TCC Member