

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES

Town Office 2nd floor meeting room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

June 1, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Mr. Capron called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Regular Members: Mr. Theodore Capron, Mr. Lewis Mundy Shaw, & Mr. Harold Lamos, Mr. Barry Draper

Absent: Mr. Robert Pollock, Mrs. Ashley Bureau, Mr. Tim Young, Mr. Maurice Schofield, & Mr. Craig Jaster

OTHERS PRESENT:

Guest: Mr. Kurt Yuengling

2. REVIEW MINUTES FROM 5/4/2026 MEETING

Minutes of 5/4/2026 were reviewed. Mr. Mundy Shaw moved to approve of the minutes as drafted. Mr. Lamos seconded. Mr. Draper abstained. Vote passed unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Capron asked Mr. Mundy Shaw to chair the meeting for the election of officers.

Mr. Mundy Shaw asked for a nomination for the Chairman. **Mr. Lamos moved to nominate Mr. Capron for Chairman of the Conservation Commission and Mr. Draper seconded. All voted in favor.**

Mr. Capron resumed the role of Chairman and asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair. **Mr. Draper moved to nominate Mr. Robert Pollock for Vice-Chair. Mr. Lamos seconded and all voted in favor.**

Mr. Lamos nominated Mrs. Bureau for Secretary. Mr. Draper seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Capron discussed the following communication items:

- a) Letters to various interested parties regarding the experimental forests were sent by Mr. Capron on 5/22/2026. He stated that currently, Hubbard Brook will remain open and the closure of Bartlett Experimental Forest is being reevaluated.
- b) Invoices from Mitchell Municipal Group for services related to the Dolloff Brook easement were reviewed. **Mr. Lamos moved to pay two invoices totalling**

\$440.00. Mr. Mundy Shaw seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor.

- c) Mr. Capron said that Voss Signs had been contacted by Mr. Pollock about reordering 4” oval signs. A quote was reviewed. **Mr. Draper made a motion to proceed with ordering 500 signs at the cost of \$670.00. Mr. Mundy Shaw seconded and all voted to approve.**
- d) Mr. Capron shared copies of the Volunteer Conservation Easement Monitoring form that had been agreed upon last year.
- e) Postcard from the USDA Farm Service Agency US Dept of Agriculture was shared. The CC agreed to ask Mr. Pollock if he has more information.

**5. GUEST – KURT YUENGLING - NH
DES CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

Guest Mr. Yuengling was present at 6:43 PM and Mr. Lamos made a motion to move him up in the agenda. Mr. Draper seconded and all voted in favor

Mr. Yuengling shared handouts relative to the EPA’s Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). He said that in 2023, DES received a federal grant to work on a climate action plan. There is no state statute that directs or authorizes DES to create a climate action plan. This is EPA funded and was a \$3M 4-year grant. He reviewed the CPRG Grant Planning Timeline. In addition to the planning grant, there was a competitive round of implementation funds. He stated New England Heat Pump Accelerator was one of the 25 projects that had been funded and that they received a \$450 million grant to ramp up heat pump adoption in residences in New England.

The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is being worked on now and Mr. Yuengling discussed their progress. He is hoping for a public comment period in September. The funding is scheduled to end next August. He would like to build a resource so that Towns can share information on how to approach projects related to energy efficiency or reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Requirements for the CCAP were discussed. Mr. Lamos spoke about addressing climate pollution from the top down and utilizing laws that are already in place. Mr. Yuengling said they have to be able to tie it to CO2 and methane emissions because that’s what they’re funded for. Mr. Yuengling asked Mr. Lamos to put his ideas in an email to him so that they are on record.

Mr. Yuengling said that the team hopes to have the full draft out in September. Mr. Capron invited Mr. Yuengling to attend a future meeting; the Commission thanked him and he left the meeting at 7:21 PM. **Mr. Draper moved to return to the regular agenda. Mr. Lamos seconded and all voted in favor.**

6. PROPERTIES

- a. Dolloff Brook – Easement has been finalized, signed and recorded. Mr. Capron said that SLCS plans a “bell ringing” event this summer. Kevin Lemire is working on his Forestry Management Plan. Mr. Capron said he needs to get in touch with Rick Van de Poll.
- b. Bald Ledge – all legal opinions are complete. Mr. Capron said Mr. Davenport told him the signing is scheduled for June 14th.

7. UPDATES ON CITIZEN/ABUTTER CONCERNS & PLANNING BOARD ISSUES

Mr. Pollock was not present to give updates from the Planning Board.

8. OPEN SPACE PLAN

The plan has been posted on the Town Website and there is a separate link to Appendix B map overlays.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of possible meeting date change was held. No changes were made at this meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Capron said that Mr. Pollock sent an email about the Kelly-Drake mowing. He said that Mr. Gordon Bassett is interested in putting in a bid to do this. Mr. Capron said the mowing can't be done until after June 30th because of the woodcocks.

Mr. Draper talked about completing the vernal pool survey. Mr. Capron suggested that Mr. Draper contact the NH Association of Conservation Commissions for further suggestions.

Mr. Capron said that Kevin Lemire has added “Beech” to the Forest Inventory key and removed the shaded area labeled ‘disputed area’.

Mr. Capron shared that he had spoken to Mr. Schofield who said he will walk the Glines Memorial Forest property but it will be later in the year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mundy Shaw made a motion to adjourn which Mr. Lamos seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Monday July 6, 2026

*Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Van Lenten*

(Conservation Commission, June 1, 2026)