

**Fracestown Conservation Commission Watershed Study Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026**

Members Present: Elizabeth Lavalley (chair), Ted Graham, Joanne Santospago, Cathy Eby

Reviewed and accepted minutes of July 6, 2026

Updates from lake communities

Joanne and Kevin Pobst collected VLAP samples from Scoby Pond. Swim lessons are being offered at the Town Beach this year. Geese have been observed on the pond this summer.

Stormwater samples were collected from tributaries/culverts around Pleasant Pond during the July 29-30 rain event.

Pleasant Pond has 4 loons, who appear to be getting along. There was a discussion about the dam being an issue for Pleasant Pond.

Increases in the amount of native vegetation are being observed at both ponds.

Beavers and Wetlands program

Elizabeth reported on the July 18 “Lessons in the Forest” program about Beavers and Wetlands. The leader, Matt Tarr, was very engaging and knowledgeable. It was well attended, with 22 people, and much enjoyed.

Articles for *The Fracestown News*

Reviewed a draft article for TFN about the NH LAKES Advocate Network, of which Ted is a member.

Reviewed a draft article for TFN about the subcommittee wrapping up its work. It was decided that the memorandum that had been worked on in 2024 to document the subcommittee’s work be updated and submitted to the Conservation Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 14, 9:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Eby, clerk for this meeting.