

Conservation Land Review Committee

A subcommittee of
Tamworth & Sandwich Conservation Commissions

NOTES

Non-quorum Meeting of July 21, 2026 • Tamworth Town Office

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Present: Nancy Walser (SCC), David Little (via Zoom), Dylan Alden (TCC), Ned Beecher (TCC)

The meeting did not have a quorum. No decisions or votes were made. Plans for future meetings were made.

Next meeting: 2nd Tuesday, August 11, 5:00 pm. Likely at Sandwich Town Office; Nancy will check & let us know. We are shifting to 2nd Tuesdays of the month, because the 3rd Tuesday is booked every month at Sandwich town office.

Agenda Ned provided an agenda for today's (July 21) meeting by email in advance. That agenda was built on for the next meeting, as follows:

- review & approve past minutes needing review: March 17, April 21, May 19 - all attached
- consider changing monthly meeting to 2nd Tuesday, 5:00 pm, or other time, since Sandwich meeting room has another meeting 3rd Tuesdays
- continue work on co-occurrence mapping & scoring to help set priorities for conservation in the two towns.

We had discussed taking the final categories & beginning to...

- 1) Determine which categories & sub-categories we want to definitely include; try to make it as simple as possible, with fewer layers.
- 2) Then we'll what layers have mapping data, data layers
- 3) The figure out weighting and scoring amongst the categories & subcategories
- 4) Start building data layers
- 5) Try applying our developing new system to 2 potential conservation properties in Tamworth & 1 in Sandwich that landowners have discussed easements on.

Items identified for discussion:

- Nancy will ask Dwight for Excel spreadsheet that we can further mark up and move ahead.
- By month's end, Ned will provide summary of our work so far.
- David notes that USVLT does not cover Tamworth & Sandwich, so their co-occurrence mapping does not have layers for our towns, so we'll have to build the layers ourselves. And he is not sure about what data layers we may be able to find for climate resiliency, etc. LRCT may be able to share some layers for our towns.
- Consider having an overall top focus be on preserving the mosaic of habitat types; doing that protects wildlife inherently, meaning that we may not need specific data layers for particular animals or plants – they come with the habitat
- Consider using a flowchart matrix in the assessment process.... For example, if there are top overarching priorities that outweigh all others, such as shoreland protection, then the flow chart will ask the question "Does this easement/purchase protect significant water frontage/shoreland? If yes, proceed with the project and only cursorily document other values."

--Are organizations with land conservation in S & T willing to take on more in these towns? We could check with them, perhaps when we share the results of our prioritization work with LRCT, TNC, SPNHF, etc. David provided a list of all conservation organizations in S & T (below). Ned will talk to Black Bear. Ned will provide recent federal easement in Tamworth, just FYI

Adjourned: ~6:10 pm.

Submitted by Ned Beecher, 21 July 2026

David provided this information shortly after this informal meeting:

GRANIT: Current Conservation data layer

owners & easement holders in Sandwich

Agency #	Name
03075	Sandwich
22000	US Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service
22100	US Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
34100	NH University of New Hampshire (Durham)
50130	Audubon Society of New Hampshire
50750	Green Mountain Conservation Group
51210	Lakes Region Conservation Trust
51218	Leonard Boyd Chapman Wild Bird Sanctuary
51430	New England Forestry Foundation
51950	Society for the Protection of NH Forests
51970	Squam Lakes Conservation Society

owners & easement holders in Tamworth

Agency #	Name
03070	Ossipee
03080	Tamworth
22000	US Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service
31000	NH Dept. of Resources & Economic Dev. (DRED)
32000	NH Fish & Game
34100	NH University of New Hampshire (Durham)
50250	Black Bear Conservation Foundation
50330	Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation
50750	Green Mountain Conservation Group
51210	Lakes Region Conservation Trust
51430	New England Forestry Foundation
51950	Society for the Protection of NH Forests
52010	The Nature Conservancy