



BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13th 2026

Location:

Belmont Mill, Tioga Conference Room, Belmont, New Hampshire and remotely by Zoom

Present:

Members: Chair Pauline Tessier, Jane Jordan, Tyson Morrill, Ed Stephenson, Tabitha Lord
Mark Lewandowski

Zoom Attendance: None

Absent: None

Students Present: Cora Takantjas

Public: Amira Provost, Presentation

Staff:

Roderick Cameron, Land Use Technician
Karen Stuyinski, Town Planner

Call to Order:

P. Tessier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

P. Tessier opened the meeting with the mention of voting for the chair and the vice chair. J Jordan made a nomination for P. Tessier to be the Chairperson for the upcoming year. This motion was seconded by Ed Stephenson. The motion passed. P. Tessier made a nomination for Tyson Morrill to be Vice Chair. J Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed. P. Tessier wanted to welcome our new Student, Cora Takantjas, a freshman at Belmont High School.

Minutes:

A motion to accept the 04/08/26 Minutes was presented by P. Tessier. A motion to accept the 04/08/2026 Minutes was made by T. Morrill and seconded by J. Jordan.

Special Presentation:

Amira Provost did a presentation on the upcoming Monarch Festival. Some important information was shared regarding a new tracking system that allows you to follow the Butterfly's track. She also spoke regarding some upcoming events.

Conservation Property Updates:

On April 18th 3 members worked on cleaning up Tioga River Wildlife area parking lot. P. Tessier stated that some future work has to be done on that trail. P. Tessier stated that she would like to contact One Church to see if she could get some volunteers for the brush piles and the bridge repair on the Town Forest. Some discussion was shared on placing signs on Conservation Property. K. Stuyinski shared what Legal had stated. K. Stuyinski also suggested that the Conservation Committee contact the Board of Selectman requesting to create a policy for signs on town property. J. Jordan made a motion for P. Tessier to send an email to The Board Of Selectman to look into creating a policy for signs on Town Property. Ed Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rules and Administrative Procedures:

P. Tessier mentioned that everyone should look at the condensed version and reference it when needed.

Daniel Ladd Farm Forest Management:

K. Stuyinski spoke briefly on an invoice for the Property Management Plan that was not paid. Monies from last year cannot be used to pay this now. Conservation funds can be used to manage the properties. A motion can be made to expend the funds from the Conservation Fund to create the Management Plan.

Silver Lake Association:

P. Tessier reported that they are waiting for the State to remap the lake. The diver has contacted them and is waiting for the water to warm up

Winnisquam Watershed Network:

Ed Stephenson reported that the lake is currently 51 degrees. They start water testing in May. They are waiting for their maps from the State on the Milfoil.

New Business:

R Cameron spoke briefly on Career Day at the High School. He stated the event was a success.

P. Tessier stated that she spent about an hour picking out 2 students for the Scholarship monies

A motion was made by P. Tessier to submit Cora Takantjas application to the board for a full time position to the Conservation Committee. Tyson made a motion and J Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Home Day:

P. Tessier mentioned that she is looking for more volunteers to help. Also looking for new ideas on how to raise money for Old Home Day.

Adjournment:

P. Tessier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. J Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and T. Morrill seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

John Crowley

John Crowley, Land Use Clerk