

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES

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

July 6, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Mr. Capron called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Regular Members: Mr. Theodore Capron - Chair, Mr. Robert Pollock – Vice Chair, Mr. Barry Draper, Mr. Tim Young, Mr. Lewis Mundy Shaw and Mr. Harold Lamos

Absent: Mrs. Ashley Bureau, Mr. Maurice Schofield

Alternates: Mr. Craig Jaster.

Mr. Capron requested that Mr. Jaster act on behalf of Mr. Schofield.

Mrs. Bureau joined the meeting at 6:36 PM.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

2. REVIEW MINUTES FROM 6/1/2026 MEETING

Minutes of 6/1/2026 were reviewed. Mr. Draper moved to amend the draft minutes to correct the name of the party interested in mowing Kelly Drake to read ‘Mr. Gordon Bassett’. Mr. Mundy Shaw seconded. Vote passed 4-0-3.

Mr. Mundy Shaw then made a motion to approve the amended minutes in total. Mr. Lamos seconded. Vote to approve passed 4-0-3.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of introduction from Colby Fong of Ecologic Land Management and Stewardship making the Commission aware of his services.

Mr. Capron said that Mr. Davenport had asked if any members knew of a place where unclean fill could be dumped. Members commented that knotweed could be present and Mr. Capron asked the record to reflect that the CC is not in favor of unclean fill being dumped near roadsides.

4. PROPERTIES

a. Dolloff Brook – Mr. Draper met with Rick Van De Poll who said Dolloff Brook was a great spot. Mr. Capron said he had emailed to let him know the easement was complete. Mr. Capron will invite Mr. Van De Poll to the next meeting so that Mr. Van De Poll can do a presentation. Mr. Pollock said he was concerned about the property being open to the public without marked trails. Mr. Lamos asked about signage to let people know motorized vehicles are not allowed within the easement. Mr. Pollock said we cannot close the Class VI Chase Rd and the easement is for the Dolloff Brook Property only.

Mr. Capron said that the Bell Ringing will be 7/29/2026. Carpooling would be a good idea because of limited parking.

Mr. Capron said that the Forest Management Plan from FORECO should be complete before promoting the area. There was discussion about trail layout and marking and Mr. Capron will speak to Mr. Lemire regarding this.

b. Bald Ledge – Mr. Capron said that Scott Berkley from LRCT and Mr. Davenport spoke recently and Mr. Berkley is supposed to arrange a signing. Mr. Capron asked to have the Selectmen sign so that the documents may be delivered to LRCT for signatures.

c. Kelley Drake mowing – Bids should be obtained from the two interested individuals. Mr. Capron said that the Ridge Trail has several big blowdowns that need to be cleared. Mr. Pollock commented that FORECO could do this and Mr. Young said a bid should be obtained from Mr. Murray also. It was agreed to get bids for both mowing and blowdowns. There was discussion about snowmobile clubs and trail management. Mr. Pollock said one of the conditions of the club using the trails on Kelly-Drake was that the club would manage it. Mr. Capron said he will reach out to them.

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

Mr. Pollock said the Lakes Region Motor Condos project was approved with conditions. An outside consultant review of the work was not required. Mr. Capron confirmed there are no other matters that the Conservation Commission needs to act on at this time.

Mrs. Bureau spoke about the Zoning Ordinance Sub-Committee that she is on and said she had proposed a Steep Slopes Ordinance. She said Tara Bamford responded that her agreement was not to add any new ordinances at this time, but to reorganize the current Ordinance. Mrs. Bureau said she intends to propose a Petition Warrant Article next year.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion of possible meeting date change – After discussion, it was decided to change the meeting date to the 1st Wednesday of the month.
- b) Status of Robinson Falls – Mr. Pollock stated that he had written letters to the Society for Protection of NH Forests and two other groups in 2025, wanting to get one of them to lead discussion with the owners about purchasing the property on behalf of the CC. He has not heard back. Mr. Lamos asked if the Falls are headwaters to the Pemi which was confirmed. Mr. Pollock is hoping to get grants for the purchase. Mrs. Bureau said she had been researching grants recently. Mr. Capron will start by contacting the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Possible summer events:

- a) Table at Old Home Day – Mr. Lamos said the CC is welcome to set up a table.
- b) Trail workday – Mr. Mundy Shaw and Mr. Jaster expressed some interest.
- c) Roadside litter cleanup day – Mr. Capron said that he was told it was too much liability. Mrs. Bureau suggested that New Hampton School may need community service hours.
- d) Mr. Lamos asked about work being done near the railroad bridge by Audley Construction.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mundy Shaw made a motion to adjourn which Mr. Young seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Wednesday August 6, 2026

*Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Van Lenten*