



TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 1, 2026

Commission Members Present: Chair Frank Frazier, Vice Chair Faith Buell, members Pat Girard, Leah Gage, Jen McKown and Selectman's Rep Austin Fifield

Absent: Alternate Jeremy Marcotte

Members of the public: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Frank Frazier.

- **Public Comment:** None
- **Review of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 3 regular meeting were presented as written by Frank.
 - **Edits Needed:** Pat, Faith and Jen's last names were spelled wrong and needed correction. Jen was listed as filling in as an alternate but was a full member in June, so the sentence regarding her filling in for an absent member was removed. The "Historical Commission" was corrected to "Heritage Commission".
 - **Faith motioned to approve the June minutes as edited. Jen seconded. All were in favor, vote 5-0.**
- **New Business:**
- **Cottle Hill Trail:** Frank reported receiving feedback from townspeople that the Cottle Hill Rd entrance to the Preserve was too overgrown to use and that it was nearly impossible to tell where the Boy Scout Trail began. Because the Hackett Site was listed on the NH Preservation Society's annual scavenger hunt, more people are using the trails in the Preserve this year.
 - o Frank suggested paying someone to clear the Cottle Hill entrance twice this year and adding it to the budget for ongoing maintenance in the 2027 budget and beyond.
 - **Pat motioned to put Cottle Hill mowing/clearing out to bid. Jen seconded. The vote was 4-1, with Leah voting against the measure.**
 - Frank spoke to Cory Pike on the phone just after the vote. Cory wouldn't have time to take on the job until fall, at the earliest and didn't know anyone else who could do the work, but was willing to take a look at the scope of the job at some point.
- **Loop Trail:** Jen and Faith shared pictures of stumps and slash debris in the new loop trail Jeremy had been working on and suggested that the trail not be listed as open yet due to the hazards.
 - o There are grants available for trail work.
 - o The Commission will work on the trail once the temperature cools down.

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- **Old Business:**
- **Preserve Chestnut Trees:** The Chestnut trees in the Preserve are doing well and have a lot of leaves. They haven't needed watering this year due to ample rain.
- **Correspondence:** The Commission received a letter from NHACC thanking it for paying the annual dues.
- **Leah motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat. Vote 5-0, All in favor.**
 - o **The meeting was adjourned by Frank at 6:45 pm.**

The next meeting will be Wednesday August 5, 2026 at 6 pm at the Town Offices

These minutes respectfully submitted by Leah Gage

Commission Chair Signature and Date:_____

Minutes Prepared by:_____