

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025. 6:30 pm

Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Sean Wadsworth, Jacob MacKenzie. Absent and excused: Mike Steward.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. With no scheduled appointments she went directly to new business and asked for questions or comments on the 4/1/25 meeting minutes. With no comments or questions, she asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the 4/1/25 meeting. Sean made the motion to accept the minutes and Jacob seconded the motion. The vote taken to approve the minutes was 4-0 and the minutes were approved.

Discussion went directly to the updating of the draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP) as required by the USVLT. Cindy Sellers of the USVLT had sent her edits of the draft plan the Commission had submitted in April. Her 5/23/25 email was read by Jacob with her suggested edits and changes. There were no objections to the proposed edits.

A mention of the Mt Washington Valley Radio Control Club's use of the field in Seller's email suggested that a more detail description of the lease arrangement and more specific boundary of their area needs to be included in the CMP. Cort noted that the last contact he had on record for the MWVRCC was Kevin Bennett. In addition to detailing their lease zone, the club needs to provide the Town with a certificate of insurance and a reminder that the USVLT requests that the trailer be moved at the end of the flying season. Sean indicated that the usual schedule for flying RC models is on Sunday mornings. He said he would contact them.

Cathy said that she would get a copy of the draft CMP to make the recommended changes before the June meeting and she will bring the finalized copy to that meeting.

Cathy brought up the topic of the annual spring trail cleanup. The 4/26 date originally scheduled was canceled to rain which has been a problem all spring long. Jacob noted that he has done branch trimming work on the trails, and that the large blowdown trees have been taken care of and he felt that there wasn't any need to do any further cutting work. Cort said that he would bring a leaf blower over to the trails to clean the pathways where needed. Boundary work was discussed at the same time with the suggestion that clearing and re-blazing work on the boundary could wait until fall when the leave drop to make the job easier. The boundary section in question is from the USFS property to the NH F&G boundary at Rt. 112. Sean suggested that the Rt. 16 viewpoint along the banking would benefit from frequent brushing in order to make the work easier by having less brush to deal with. The ditch line that separates the two sections of the field was discussed as well.

Regarding the road to the field, Cort said that he would contact Russ Lanoie who, according to Jake Davis, has volunteered to grade the road if gravel was provided.

Cort said he had contacted Saco District Ranger Jim Innis in regards to creating a M.O.U. for the entrance road by the ranger station. He is waiting for a follow up call from Jim who needs to coordinate the MOU with other USFS staff.

The proposed trail extension that has been laid out around the ski jump property has been approved by the USVLT. Once completed, the new trail will need to be updated on the USVLT property records.

The elementary schools are participating in a water quality and trout release program and had asked for permission to use the field area behind Kennett Junior High for the class work. Permission was approved.

Tin Mountain is doing a butterfly survey in July and asked for permission to use the field as part of the survey on 7/19/25. Sean made a motion to approve and Jacob seconded the motion. Permission was approved 4-0.

Cathy noted that the NH Gives event is scheduled for June 10-11th.

With no further business and with no other public comment and at Cathy's request, Sean made a motion to adjourn and with a second from Jacob the motion was approved 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The next meeting date will be held on Tuesday, 7/1/25.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.