

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026. 6:30 pm

Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Sean Wadsworth, Mike Steward, & Jacob MacKenzie.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. With no scheduled appointments, she went directly to new business and asked for questions or comments on the 1/6/26 meeting minutes. With no other comments or questions, she asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the 1/6/26 meeting. Mike made the motion to accept the minutes and Sean seconded the motion. The vote taken to approve the minutes was 5-0 and the minutes were approved.

Under new business discussion evolved around the Agricultural Management Plan (AMP) the update on the original 2016 AMP. Sean read from the May 2016 plan while the members suggested edits where needed which consumed much of the meeting time while reviewing over ½ of the pages of the original document.

Under old business, Cort said he will reach out to Jim Innis, Saco District Ranger, USFS to follow up on a discussion from last fall about creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the access point to the agricultural fields and the topic of fire management on the town forest.

Sean read a letter from Cindy Sellers, USVLT Land Steward regarding GPS mapping of the current trail system. The topic of GPS mapping programs such as the USFS program that NEMBA uses, USVLT and NEMBA sign standard and materials were discussed.

An annual meeting with the farmers at the next meeting date of 3/3/26 was proposed. Cathy will contact the farmers.

A tentative volunteer workday was discussed of either 4/18/26 or 5/16/26 depending on how much snow may linger into the spring months.

Cort will draft a Conservation Commission report for 2025 for the town's annual report and distribute to members for approval before sending a final to the town administrator.

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 Mike the motion was approved 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3/3/26 at 6:30pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.