

Greenville Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 11, 2026 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. In attendance were members Marshall Buttrick, Barbara Guay, and Peter Simonson. Also in attendance was Curt Spacht of the Mason Trail Volunteers.

The minutes of the meetings on April 13, 2026 were reviewed, no corrections. Marshall Buttrick moved to accept the minutes. Voted in the affirmative 3-0.

Old Business:

Souhegan River: Nothing to report.

Nashua River Watershed: Nothing to report

21 Chamberlin St (No. 6 Mill) Site Plan Status: Nothing to report.

Change in Use Tax apportioned proceeds and Conservation Fund transfers: Marshall Buttrick indicated he had checked with the town office and that \$5100 from land use change and \$460.30 from the 2025 budget surplus had been transferred to the Conservation Fund.

Coordination with Town of Mason on the Potter Woods conservation properties: deferred to New Business.

Roadside Cleanup: Held April 25. Several volunteers cleaned up numerous town roads. The Road Agent crew picked up bags of the collected trash.

New Business:

Coordination with Town of Mason on the Potter Woods conservation properties: On April 22, the Greenville Conservation Commission, Boob Larochelle (Chair of Mason Conservation Commission) and several members of the Mason Trail Volunteers walked the various trails on the Mason Potter Woods property. We walked the unmarked trail from the Greenville kiosk to its intersection with the Laurel Trail and Beaver Trail, past the Kissing Tree Trail, to the town line and the Laurel Trail bypass. We returned to the intersection with the Lost Compass trail, and followed it to the town line. We then returned to where the trail makes a sharp right, back to the Laurel Trail. Some of the group continued to back on the Laurel Trail to the kiosk, while others bushwacked on an old skidder trail up the hill to its intersection with the unmarked (main) trail on the Lamarre property, just South of the Greenville Potter Woods property. This group

continued right, up the hill to the Greenville Potter Woods property, to its intersection with the Blue Trail at the bench. They proceeded to take the Blue Trail, and explored the extension of the Blue Trail to the unmarked (main) trail on the Lamarre property. At this point some returned to the kiosk via the marked White Trail. Mr. Larochelle and Mr. Simonson turned left and traversed the main trail all the way to Old Mason Center Road (class VI portion), Dump Road, and the extended part of Old Mason Center Road (heads towards Mirriam Hill). They returned to the kiosk.

Over the next several days, the Mason Trail Volunteers were able to convert the GPS breadcrumbs obtained into draft maps of the existing and proposed trails on the Lamarre property, and existing trails on both the Mason and Greenville Potter Woods properties.

Several revisions to the maps were made by the Mason Trail Volunteers and sent out.

Trail Map Review of Greenville and Mason Potter Woods trail system: The produced maps were reviewed by the Conservation Commission. We indicated that revisions as developed would be sent to the Mason Trail Volunteers for incorporation into their GIS system at their convenience.

Recommendations on naming trails extending from the Mason Potter Woods property onto the Lamarre property in Greenville and on the Greenville Potter Woods property: After some discussion, it was moved by Marshall Buttrick to use the so-called “Mason Names” for the trails, specifically:

1. Continue the name of the Beaver Trail from the Mason town line to the Laurel Trail.
2. Continue the name of the Kissing Tree Trail from the Mason town line to the Laurel Trail.
3. Continue the name of the Kissing Tree Trail from the Mason town line to its intersection with the Beaver Bypass Trail.
4. Continue the name of the Laurel Trail from the Mason town line to the kiosk near the Mason town line.
5. Continue the name of the Lost Compass Trail from the Mason town line to the Laurel Trail.

The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative 3-0.

The Commission discussed possible names for the trails on the Greenville Potter Woods property and the adjoining Lamarre property (other than the above). This would include a name for the White Trail and its extension to Old Mason Center Road, the name for the Blue Trail, and any of the proposed trails (from the present Blue Trail to the unnamed extension of the White Trail on the Lamarre Property, and from the intersection of this proposed trail and the unnamed extension of the White Trail, to the Lost Compass Trail.) It was agreed to continue this task to future meetings.

Mr. Buttrick moved: To authorize the Mason Trail Volunteers organization to perform trail maintenance in Greenville on the Lamarre property and Greenville Potter Woods property provided participants sign waivers of liability.

The motion was seconded, and voted in the Affirmative 3-0.

Other Items: The Commission discussed a proposed Souhegan River cleanup for August, when waster levels would be lower. The Commission agreed we should plan this activity out, and secure abutting property owner permission.

There were no further items from the Commission members or the public.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be Monday June 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the town hall downstairs meeting room.

Marshall Buttrick moved to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Peter Simonson, and the Commission voted 3-0 in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.