

Hollis Conservation Commission
Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Meeting
Approved May 20, 2026

Members Present: Joe Connelly, Paul Edmunds, Mark Post, Thomas Davies, Peter Band, Karen Bridgeo, Bernadette McQuilkin
Alternates Present: Tony Fowler, Kate Rydstrom, Holly Park
BOS Liaison: David Petry
Staff: Connie Cain
Guests: William Moseley and Kevin Anderson, Planning Board

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm

COMMITTEE & BOARD UPDATES

Board of Selectmen - D. Petry

There were no updates at this time.

Planning Board - W. Moseley

W. Moseley shared that the site walk for the Ridge Road Minor Subdivision is at 5:00 pm on April 21, 2026, prior to the Planning Board meeting. Ongoing items include:

- 1.) Toddy Brook is still in the midst of their hydrogeological study.
- 2.) The Abbot Hill Development had their Traffic Consultant present at the last Planning Board (PB) Meeting. At the next PB meeting, the third-party traffic consultant that the PB requested to have conduct a study, will be presenting their findings.
- 3.) Golden Valley Way Holdings is planning to construct a storm water retention pond on Hollis Property and are very close to the wetland buffer zone.
- 4.) There is a Scenic Road Hearing for tree trimming on South Merrimack Road.

Treasurer's Report - T. Davies

As of April 7, 2026, the HCC has \$1,255,402.50 in total funds, of which \$540,000 is in the 30-day CD. \$650 is set aside for the Tom Dufresne Memorial Fund, and the \$700,007 in their Checking Account.

J. Connelly noted that they had asked the treasurer to remove some funds from the CD in order to put them into their regular checking account in the amount of \$633,000

CORRESPONDENCE

Reimbursement - J. Connelly

The HCC will be reimbursing Holly Park in the amount of \$776.81 for the Bird/Bat box supplies.

S&H Land Services LLC - J. Connelly

J. Connelly noted that S&H Land Services LLC had quoted \$15,000 for their work to survey a parcel of land that the HCC is interested in purchasing.

J. Connelly motioned to pay to S & H Land Services LLC in the amount of \$15,000 for the creation of a boundary plan for property under consideration to purchase, seconded by K. Bridgeo. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Site Walk - J. Connelly

April 20th, at 4:00 pm, the HCC will be doing a site walk at the Walker property on Pine Hill & Nartoff Roads. P. Band will take minutes.

Formal Application & HCC Handbook- C. Cain

C. Cain pointed out that it might be a good idea to have a more formal application process for future members. C. Cain is creating a draft for that application. She also suggested that the HCC consider creating a "Handbook" for both members and the public

Land Management - J. Connelly

J. Connelly asked C. Cain for 3 parcels that the HCC own that has not been maintained or managed recently. She identified the three parcels: the Wright Nashua River Lot, the Worcester Conservation Lot, and the Corey-Swett Lot on Birch Hill. These will be visited by HCC members over the next 6-8 months.

(Kevin Anderson arrived at approximately 6:55 pm)

62 **GOLDEN VALLEY WAY HOLDINGS LLC SITE PLAN, 30 Northern Blvd, Amherst, and Witches Spring Rd,**
63 **MBLU 048-001, 2.34 acres**

64 The applicant was not present. K. Anderson explained the property is mostly in Amherst, with a small part in Hollis. This plan
65 has not yet been heard by the Planning Board. He summarized the proposal, and noted that the applicant has applied for both a
66 State Alteration of Terrain and a Shoreland Permits. He also noted that the flood plain and aquifer could also be impacted. There
67 was further discussion on what the role of the HCC should be and how they should approach this application. K. Anderson
68 offered his help to answer any questions once the applicant has appeared before the HCC.
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70 **NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

71 *Annual Town Roadside Clean-up - J. Connelly*

72 A brief discussion took place on the positive feedback members of the HCC received from the public who participated in the
73 clean-up day.
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75 *Bird/Bat Box Installation on Law Property - H. Park*

76 H. Park updated the HCC on the Bird/Bat Box installation process. She has purchased all the necessary materials and the
77 installation will be on April 19, 2026.
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79 *Tom Dufresne Memorial - H. Park*

80 H. Park and K. Bridgeo shared that the Eventbrite had 18 RSVPs for the memorial. M. Post volunteered to use his SUV to help
81 haul whatever materials needed for the event. K. Bridgeo commented that the pollinator garden will need to be placed somewhere
82 else on that property, as it does not properly fit in that location.
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84 *Invasive Treatments - J. Connelly*

85 J. Connelly shared that there is a \$5,000 threshold for bidding. So, instead of having to send out bids, they would like to have
86 several vendors who they could do the treatments for under \$5,000 each. Eric Radloff is doing most of the treating now, and is
87 doing a great job, however there are too many spots for him to treat solo. As a result, the HCC will be hiring more professionals.
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89 **2026 OFFICER ELECTIONS**

90 J. Connelly opened the floor for nominations for Officers for the 2026 Term.
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92 P. Band nominated J. Connelly for Chair; seconded by T. Davies. J. Connelly asked for any additional nominations or discussion;
93 hearing none, P. Edwards moved the nomination to a vote.

94 *P. Edmunds, M. Post, T. Davies, P. Band, K. Bridgeo, and B. McQuilkin voted in favor, no-one opposed, and J. Connelly*
95 *abstained. The motion to appoint J. Connelly as the Chair for the 2026 term passed by a vote of 6-0-1.*
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97 K. Bridgeo nominated P. Edmunds for Vice-Chair; seconded by J. Connelly. J. Connelly asked for any additional nominations or
98 discussion; hearing none, J. Connelly moved the nomination to a vote.

99 *J. Connelly, M. Post, T. Davies, P. Band, K. Bridgeo, and B. McQuilkin voted in favor, no-one opposed, and P. Edmunds*
100 *abstained. The motion to appoint P. Edmunds as the Vice-Chair for the 2026 term passed by a vote of 6-0-1.*
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102 J. Connelly nominated M. Post for Secretary; seconded by P. Edmunds. J. Connelly asked for any additional nominations or
103 discussion; hearing none, J. Connelly moved the nomination to a vote.

104 *J. Connelly, P. Edmunds, T. Davies, P. Band, K. Bridgeo, and B. McQuilkin voted in favor, no-one opposed, and M.*
105 *Post abstained. The motion to appoint M. Post as the Secretary for the 2026 term passed by a vote of 6-0-1.*
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107 J. Connelly nominated T. Davies as Treasurer; seconded by P. Edmunds. J. Connelly asked for any additional nominations or
108 discussion; hearing none, J. Connelly moved the nomination to a vote.

109 *J. Connelly, P. Edmunds, M. Post, P. Band, K. Bridgeo, and B. McQuilkin voted in favor, no-one opposed, and T. Davies*
110 *abstained. The motion to appoint T. Davies as Treasurer for the 2026 term passed by a vote of 6-0-1.*
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112 J. Connelly affirmed that he will not serve for more than 6 consecutive years as Chair.
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114 **MINUTES**

115 M. Post requested that the Non-Public Minutes be tabled as he has some changes that he has not been able to complete to date;
116 B. McQuilkin also has some minor edits.
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118 *J. Connelly motioned to approve the Public Minutes of March 18, 2026 as written; seconded by B. McQuilkin. All in*
119 *favor of approving the minutes, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0-0.*
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121 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

122 *P. Edmunds motioned to enter into non-public session, as per RSA 91-A:3, II (d); seconded by M. Post. Members were*
123 *polled, voting in favor of entering into Non-Public Session were J. Connelly, P. Edmunds, M. Post, T. Davies, P. Band,*
124 *K. Bridgeo, and B. McQuilkin; no members opposed or abstaining. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0 and the HCC*
125 *entered into Non-Public Session at 7:50 pm.*

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127 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

128 *T. Davies motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to release,*
129 *seconded by M. Post. Members were polled, voting in favor of concluding the Non-Public Session were J. Connelly, P.*
130 *Edmunds, M. Post, T. Davies, P. Band, K. Bridgeo, and B. McQuilkin; no members opposed or abstaining. The motion*
131 *carried by a vote of 7-0-0 and the HCC concluded the Non-Public Session at 8:51 pm.*

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133 **ADJOURNMENT**

134 *J. Connelly motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by K. Bridgeo. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained,*
135 *and the motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.*

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137 Respectfully Submitted,
138 Amiee Le Doux
139 Recording Secretary