

# SUNAPEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2025

Present: Tim Fleury, vice chair, Ginny Gwynn, Cliff Field, Jeff Kellner, Doug Hanson, Barbara Chalmers, Wendy Nolin, alternate.

Absent: Van Webb

Visitors: Allyson Trager, Matthias Nevens on-line

Meeting at Town offices called to order 7:04 PM by Tim Fleury

## 1. MINUTES

- June minutes: **Motion** by Ginny to accept minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug. Vote unanimous in favor.

## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ginny provided a financial report (see attached). Mascoma Bank balance as of July 31 is \$143,771. We have received our March 2025 warrant article funds of \$20,000 from the town. The CD that matures on July 31 will be reinvested in a 39-week CD at best rate. We have received a bit over \$9K in land use change tax. Ginny would also like put the \$17,449 in the Town Forest Fund into a CD maturing next March or April to earn more interest than present. Motion by Ginny to investigate options for putting the Town Forest Funds of \$17449 into a CD due in March or April 2026 and have Allyson implement option with best interest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff, vote unanimous in favor.  
**Motion** by Wendy to accept the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Vote unanimous in favor.

## 3. INVOICES

- MeadowsEnd invoice 2025-1122 of \$400 for work as of July 1 at Dewey Meadow. **Motion** by Ginny to approve this invoice for payment from ConCom Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff. Vote unanimous in favor.
- Invoice from A&A for completion of Dewey Meadow work Invoice 4147 for \$8575. **Motion** by Ginny to A&A \$8575 this from ConCom Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff, vote unanimous in favor.

## 4. VISITORS

Matthias Nevens of MeadowsEnd on-line regarding Dewey Meadow and Wendell Marsh land:

- Dewey Meadow: Matthias noted that A&A's work at Dewey Meadow has been completed and was well done. Stumps were buried in a hole dug at the southwest corner of the field. We now need to consider mowing and or brush hogging the field annually or every two years, setting up foot trails, perhaps a perimeter loop, and building a kiosk at the parking area. Ginny thought any high bush blueberries should not be cut and could be flagged for saving. Mathias noted that the neighbor to the west is interested in assisting with more tree cutting if that is planned along the old Georges Mills Road. Matthias will get several proposals for brush hogging the south meadow for work in late fall. **Action** by Matthias. Cliff will confirm with snowmobile club their plans for mowing the trail thru Dewey Meadow. **Action** by Cliff
- Wendell Marsh Land: Matthias has not yet discussed with Cliff a question regarding one of the Wendell Marsh land boundaries. **Action** by Matthias. From spring site walk with Van and Cliff, there is a route that would be easy to improve with volunteers over the hill west of Wendell Marsh, but the trail needs marking. Jennings trail also needs some maintenance.
- We will hold a public outreach meeting at Dewey Meadow in September. Tim will find out if conservationist Mat Tarr can attend. Allyson will inquire about cost of a bench. **Action** by Tim and Allyson.

## 5. MAIL – Allyson noted the following:

- Letter from DES regarding alleged violation at 77 Lake Ave that owner is preparing a response to.

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- Eversource will be doing more tower replacement in the line south of Trow Hill Road during 2026. Allyson will email us the plans. **Action** by Allyson
- Marsha Wright has given land on west side of Rte 103B at northeast end of the Simpson Reserve to Ausbon Sargent, so the town will need to hold the conservation easement. Tim will discuss with Andy Deagan at A-S. **Action** by Tim

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- Harbor Hill Open Lot: Allyson reported that the selectmen were not excited about putting the Harbor Hill lot in current use and need more information. An argument for the benefits of doing so need to be made to them. Tim will talk with Andy Deagan about this. **Action** by Tim
- Knotweed Task Force: Ginny reported that volunteers have been working on knotweed removal at several locations and have a plan to tackle the Route 11 slope by the Abbott Library. This area is too steep for plastic sheeting and mulch, so hardware clothe will be tried here with planting of ferns and pine saplings at the edges. She noted helpfulness of Craig Heino, Mike Martell and Chief Tillson from the town. Work will continue by the library at the end of this week.
- Peer Review - Zoning / Planning Boards: Allyson noted that 27 Prospect Hill Road project will be back for preliminary discussion with a new plan that shows 3 buildings centrally grouped. The Zoning Board is reviewing: 157 Lake Ave, 55 Burkebaven Lane, and 16 Springfield Road and has two appeals for 73/77 Lake Ave and 46 Burma Road.
- Wendell Marsh Hike & Trail Map: Allyson has more to do to complete the map changes discussed in June at Wendell Marsh trails. **Action** by Allyson  
Pending: Barbara volunteered to make trail signs similar to Ledge Pond trails. **Action by Barbara**
- Trail by Orchard Park Update: Allyson reported no further work has been done along the trail, but that school officials will let her know if any is planned.
- Mount Sunapee Sewage Meeting: Ginny reported that the out-come so far of the public meetings regarding the mountain's sewage system and impact on brook to lake has been good with a commitment by the state to review the situation. Allyson noted that a letter was also sent by her as land use administrator. We will wait to see what happens next before sending another letter.
- Barberry Removal Update: On hold till spring.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- Browns Hill Conservation Land Access: Barbara reported that Anne Seger, president of Browns Hill Association contacted her in mid-June to report that the owner of Lot 32 which has a deeded easement of gaining access to the southern conservation land will not allow use of their driveway has told the Browns Hill Association to build a parallel driveway. She is looking for assistance in this matter. Barbara responded to Anne saying that NH law indicates that a driveway can be used by the easement holder if it does not interfere with the easement's intended purpose or unreasonably burden the servient land. Allyson then reported that Anne Seger sent an email about this to the town manager on July 10 and that the town attorney has commented on the matter. **Motion** by Cliff for Barbara with

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Allyson to act as spokesmen for the Con Com with Browns Hill regarding the conservation easement access, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, vote unanimous in favor.

- Cliff reported that Dave Hoffman of the Sunapee Harbor Riverway Corp. wants to discuss the river walk and will attend next month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Chalmers, secretary

**Upcoming meeting: August 6**