

**Town of Haverhill  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**J.R. Morrill Building  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
2975 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM**

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**Conservation Commission members:**

Katelyn Currie-Huggard, Chair  
Linda Smith  
Marilyn Blaisdell  
Joe Mitchell  
Fred Garofalo, ex officio

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:02 PM by Chair Currie-Huggard.

**Attendance:** Marilyn Blaisdell (Here); Joe Mitchell (Here); Linda Smith (Here); and Fred Garofalo, ex officio (Here); Katelyn Currie-Huggard, Chair (Here). A quorum was met.

**In-Person Visitors:** None.

**Online Visitors:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** Blaisdell made the motion and Garofalo seconded the motion to approve the **Agenda** as amended.

- Mitchell added discussion of the boat launch and Kinder Forest to the Agenda.

**Voice Vote:** All in favor, none opposed. The Agenda was approved unanimously with additions.

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION #2:** Blaisdell made the motion and Garofalo seconded the motion to approve the **February 15, 2022**, meeting minutes as written.

**Voice Vote:** All in favor, none opposed. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) / Laredo / iNaturalist**

Chair Currie-Huggard discussed the NRI that is needed for the Master Plan update, now in process. Town Administration will draft the NRI and submit the draft to the Conservation Commission for their review.

Chair Currie-Huggard discussed working for a land trust and how this nonprofit is seeking conservation land indexes to identify conservation easement land. Chair Currie-Huggard discussed the work of the Conservation Commission in Cornish, NH.

Chair Currie-Huggard discussed the LAREDO (<https://www.fidlar.com/laredo.aspx>) software for searching land records and deeds. Chair Currie-Huggard noted that this deed search will show the conservation easements for Haverhill properties.

Chair Currie-Huggard discussed iNaturalist (<https://www.inaturalist.org/>) and provided the members with a look at the website. Mitchell showed the members an entry he submitted to iNaturalist on Eastern Teaberry. Chair Currie-Huggard announced a post from iNaturalist's Big Night about the migration of amphibians from the forest to vernal pools. Chair Currie-Huggard suggested this might be an event for the Conservation Committee in Haverhill. Mitchell stated that a project involving Haverhill residents can be set up in iNaturalist. The members discussed involving the schools.

### **Haverhill Town Meeting Day**

Garofalo discussed the Operating Budget Article in the Warrant, which was approved at Town Meeting. Chair Currie-Huggard noted that the pending membership with the state Conservation Commission and the \$500 budget were both approved.

### **Upper Valley Land Trust / Conservation Commissions Gathering**

Chair Currie-Huggard announced the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) will be offering a program on March 29, 2022, called "Trails for People and Wildlife," which focuses on state-wide conservation commissions, and Chair Currie-Huggard will distribute the Zoom information when available.

### **Woodsville Boat Launch**

Mitchell provided the members with an email chain that addressed the following:

- Jason Berard, UVLT, would be happy to look at improvements to the boat launch behind Community Field in Woodsville.
- Sherri Sargent, Director, Parks & Recreation Department, noted she would be happy to assist.
- Kevin Shelton, Woodsville Administrator, became part of the conversation and stated that this would be a great opportunity.
- Noah Pollock, Outreach Coordinator, Northern Forest Canoe Trail added comments.

Mitchell noted that many groups are interested, including the Newbury [VT] Conservation Commission, the UVLT, and Noah Pollock. Garofalo noted that the other organizations can join with the Haverhill Conservation Commission to provide volunteers and funding. Garofalo



**MEETING RECORDING:**

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