



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Andrews Memorial Town Hall

The Rose Room and Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nick Webb called the regular meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson, Nick Webb; Secretary, Mary Jo Phelps; Lawrence Ouellette; Barbara Segaloff; Kristen Waterbury.
Mike Castiglione; Mike Houde.

Members Absent: Joan Ulate, Mark Giaconia

Staff Present: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Oulette moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Mary Jo Phelps seconded the motion. Members voted on the motion, and it carried, unanimously.

In Favor: N. Webb, M. J. Phelps; L. Ouellette; B. Segaloff; K. Waterbury.

Discussion: None

In Opposition: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion carried: 5 0 0

3. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Nick Webb's comments will follow in the Joint Land Acquisition Subcommittee meeting minutes.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Residential Food Composting

There was a discussion about the potential for harvesting the food scraps from Clinton Public Schools. N. Webb will communicate with Town Planner Abby Piersall as a follow-up to her meeting with Blue Earth Composters.

b. Collaboration opportunities with the Sustainability Committee
- Textile Recycling Update

Commission members reviewed the weekly weight intake of textiles for the months of October, November and December, 2025, provided by Abby Piersall, Town Planner. October total weight, 1090 pounds, November total weight, 1030 pounds and December, 730 pounds. L. Oulette inquired whether we might be able to harvest textiles that Goodwill discards.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a.** Discussion and vote on Invasive Plant Course for Joan Ulate. It was decided to table this until next month's meeting.
- b.** K. Waterbury talked about possible ramifications for the Commission following new Connecticut legislation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a.** Letter :from Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, Inc.

L. Oulette moved to approve a donation to Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, Inc., in the amount that we donated last year.

B. Segaloff seconded the motion. The Members voted on the motion, and it carried, unanimously.

In Favor: N.Webb; MJ Phelps; L. Oulette; K. Waterbury; B. Segaloff

Discussion: None

In Opposition: None

Abstention: None

The Motion carried 5 0 0

7. JOINT LAND ACQUISITION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

N. Webb called the subcommittee meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Nick Webb, Mike Houde, Mike Castiglione, Lawrence Ouellette.

Members Absent: Mark Giaconia

Also Present: Members of the Conservation Commission; Abby Piersall, AICP, Town Planner; Lori Pascarelli, Land Use Administrative Assistant/Clerk.

a. Review and consideration of Minutes, November 12, 2025, Subcommittee meeting.

M. Castiglione moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 subcommittee meeting.

L. Oulette seconded the motion. Members voted on the motion, and it carried, unanimously.

In Favor: M. Castiglione, M. Houde, L. Ouellette, N. Webb.

Discussion: None
In Opposition: 0
Abstention: 0
The motion carried: 4 0 0

b. Update: Possible Land Acquisition for Open Space. 0 Killingworth Turnpike, Map 28, Block 39 Lot 114.

Nick Webb gave an update on the status of the land acquisition. There are three elements of the acquisition that are currently being worked on:

1. Evergreen Mobile Homes - they are not willing to sign a quitclaim at this time, but it is being worked on with the lawyers.
2. Confusion over the northern boundary of the property. Town Planner Abby Piersall reached out to the surveyor to get this done. A CT DEEP surveyor has provided the four pins for the property, so this should be cleared up soon as well.
3. Eversource Right of Way - N. Webb is in communication with Eversource, and this is also moving forward.

At 7:20 p.m., L. Oullette moved to adjourn the Joint Land Acquisition Subcommittee meeting. M. Houde seconded the motion. Members voted on the motion, and it carried, unanimously.

In Favor: M. Houde, M. Castiglione, L. Ouellette, N. Webb.
Discussion: None
In Opposition: 0
Abstentions: 0
The motion carried: 4 0 0

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22 p.m., L. Ouellette moved to adjourn. K. Waterbury seconded the motion. Members voted on the motion, and it carried, unanimously.

In Favor: N. Webb, M. J. Phelps, L. Ouellette, B. Segaloff, K. Waterbury
Discussion: None
In Opposition: 0
Abstentions: 0
The motion carried: 5 0 0

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Phelps