

Town of Randolph

Conservation Commission

Minutes of April 24, 2025

Members Present: Gary Newfield, Nathan Peters, and Philip Guiser

Members Excused: Jennifer Scarinza, Walter Graff, and Brandy Capozello

Public: Shelli Fortin, Minutes Taker

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Gary Newfield

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Nathan Peters, seconded by Philip Guiser, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 18, 2024.

Election of Officers

On a motion by Philip Guiser, seconded by Nathan Peters, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Gary Newfield as Chair.

Summer Public Library Lectures

Gary Newfield advised that there is a speaker available to come and talk about microplastics. The cost is \$350 to have her here in person, however she is willing to do the lecture by Zoom, which would be \$100. Yvonne Jenkins can set up a large screen for the Zoom meeting at the library.

Gary Newfield advised that there is currently \$40,436.32 in their account, which could be used to pay for all or a portion of any lectures.

On a motion by Nathan Peters, seconded by Philip Guiser, the Commission voted unanimously to pay \$100 from the Conservation Commission account for the lecture on microplastics at the Randolph Library.

A date for the lecture has not been set, but will most likely be in June.

Gary Newfield also suggested a program by Chris Schadler of the NH Wildlife Coalition on the Eastern Coyote.

Other

The Commission discussed other possible uses for the money in the budget, including educational programs, invasive species, wetlands, land acquisition, and wildlife habitat. It was

suggested that a member of the Forest Commission attend the next meeting to talk about the wildlife openings and any other projects they are currently working on.

Concerns were shared over mowing in the Town Forest, which disturbs nesting birds and other wildlife. It was noted that is currently is not done until after August 15, and it was suggested that it could be moved until after Columbus Day.

Wildlife Crossing

Gary Newfield advised that the wildlife crossing project was not funded. Projects in Maine and Vermont did receive funding.

Adjournment: On a motion from Philip Guiser, seconded by Nathan Peters, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelli Fortin

April 25, 2025