

Minutes
Burke Conservation Commission
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6 pm
Burke Town Hall

1. Welcome: Hank Butler (Treasurer), Elise Lawson, Curt Busto, Brandon Mapes, Lindley van der Linde (Secretary), Diane Wells (Chairperson). Guest: Tara Lynn Scheidet (Sutton BCC)
2. Approve June Minutes: Approved
3. Develop Plan for October Watershed Talks: Guest Emily Finnegan from CCNRCD
 - 604b Funding would help us sponsor watershed talks for the public.
 - Dates 10/7, 10/14, 10/21 All Wednesday in the Burke Town Hall 6-7:30 pm
 - Option to record. (By College Station) Hank will reach out.
 - Emily will bring a screen and projector.
 - KT Help advertise* (Guest Roberta Gillott COO KT Trails), K. Langlais will help make the flyer, plus google form from Emily for outreach.
 - Snacks (Cheese and crackers, cookies, cider) Google sheet sign up for BCC members to make a snack.

-Theme and Topics: Passumpsic Watershed Speaker Series

 - a. 10/7 East Burke Dam Removal (Roy Schiff - SLR Consulting - Engineer and ?)
 - b. 10/14 Dredging (Shane Jaquith TNC and ?) Bring Stream Table?
 - c. 10/21 Wetlands (Elise Lawson and Lauren Sophor State wetlands regulator)

-We discussed relevant topics for each speaker. To ensure that the talks go smoothly, Emily will meet with speakers ahead of time to make sure that we are on the same page.
4. Treasurer's Report: Hank shared \$13,800 left in the major budget from the town.
 - BCC voted to approve up to \$6,000 for Mike Bickford to Brontasaurus at Town Forest. Project part of the management plan for wildlife habitat. Diane will communicate this to the Town.
5. Upcoming Events:
 - o Reptiles & Amphibians Workshop, Wheelock & Stannard, 6-8:30 pm Aug 28 & followed by 9am hike 8/29.
 - o Burke Town Plan Public Hearing, Aug 28, 5pm
6. Next BCC Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 6pm
7. Other Business? Lindley will contact the 3rd parent about summer camp refund. Tara Lynn shared progress of newly formed Sutton Conservation Commission. Lindley completed the West Burke Recreation Area Survey for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

8. Adjourn 7:45 pm