

Minutes

Burke Conservation Commission
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6 pm
Burke Town Hall

1. Welcome: Diane Wells (Chairperson), Lindley van der Linde (Secretary), Kristen Langlais, Elise Lawson (Zoom), Brandon Mapes (Zoom)
2. Approve May Minutes: Minutes approved
3. Treasurer's Report: Hank could not be here, but money has been donated (\$4,000) to the Forest Fund. This has become an annual contribution from this donor. The Chimney swift project will be fully reimbursed to Brandon (\$300). He will submit the final paperwork.
4. Update:
 - Green Mt. Conservation Camp-Lindley will get in touch with the BTS home to school coordinator to confirm 3 families. I will reach out to another family to claim if the initial family fell through.
 - Natural Resource Inventory-Everyone attended. Elise did a fabulous job! Next step to tighten town plan language. Diane can be in touch with Jens Hilke (Natural resource planner for State) who might be able to help. The planning commission is working with the regional commission to hire someone to help with the writing.
 - Burke Town School Chimney Swift Project-Brandon will get reimbursed. In the Fall plywood will be put on, and painted!
 - Wood Duck Box Project-At Bob's house. Maybe we can put it up at BTS in the Fall.
5. Looking Forward:
 - VT Forests, Parks & Rec; the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and an Inspection of the West Burke Recreation Area-A town request for us to complete. Lindley will complete it before the August due date.
 - VT Agency of Natural Resources and the Vermont Protected Lands Database-Diane will inquire if we can share a layer from Elise's NRI work.
 - Burke and Beaver Deceivers-There is a concern about a beaver on the Hollow Rd. past Pete's Pond. We can help create a creative way to help the town work with the beaver. Diane will try to Book Skip Lyle to educate us and help install a beaver deceiver.
 - The BCC and Social Media-Kristen's post after the bird walk was a success. Kristen can help with posting and updating the public about our town forests, and events. It may bring more of the public to these spaces, but also interest residents to join the Forest sub-comm.

- Fall Educational Talks-Possible themes...Migratory birds? Beaver talk? Landscaping for wildlife? August would be a good start date.
- 6. Next BCC Meeting: Wednesday, August 19th, 6pm. Summer break in July.
- 7. Other Business? Tara Lynn arrived at the end of the meeting. She is trying to start a Conservation Commission in Sutton.
-6/20 Saturday-Northwoods hosting a butterfly blitz.
- 8. Adjourn

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