

Minutes
Burke Conservation Commission
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6 pm
Burke Town Hall

1. Present: Hank Butler (Treasurer), Elise Lawson, Curt Busto, Kristen Langlais (substitute Secretary), Diane Wells (Chairperson).
2. June Minutes: Approved
3. Forest Subcommittee Purchasing Policy: Our May 2025 minutes indicate we do not need to get approval from select board for funds less than 10K and Diane asked the select board if this is correct. The select board would like to be kept notified of what we're spending, but it's our budget so we do not need to get approval, so long as it is within our budget. The Forest Subcommittee will need to amend their purchasing policy to reflect this change.
4. Green Mtn Conservation Camp sponsorships: two students attended (\$300 each). This \$600 will be taken out of our education fund.
5. Treasurer Report: Hank provided an updated report (provided by Cathi Feeley).
6. 2025 West Branch Riparian Plantings (Lindley & her students, Emily Finnegan got the saplings & "trees for streams" grant, Americorps, & BCC) : Diane is wondering if we should consider analyzing survival rates of the 200ish stems that were planted?
7. October Watershed Talks
 - o flyers have been printed & will be distributed to area businesses and online
 - o Hank will ask the college again regarding recording & broadcasting.
 - o Kristen will start a new public facebook page with 2-3 admins so that we can post information about conservation- ie, upcoming events (such as these watershed talks), maps and info about town forests, and info about biology/conservation of species & habitats that the public would hopefully find useful & interesting
 - o Curt spoke w/ Shane Switzer about cost efficient drink options - ie, lemonade, water, cider. Diane can bring a plug-in coffee maker. All of us will bring some sort of snacking food. Diane will remind us via email so that we bring an assortment of choices.
8. Next BCC meeting: November 18
9. Note: Elise has decided to step down from our commission but she is available if we need anything.
10. Adjourn 7:15pm