

Minutes
Burke Conservation Commission
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6 pm
Burke Town Hall

1. Welcome-Diane Wells (Chair), Brandon Mapes (Notes), Cathie Wheeler, Hank Butler (Treasurer), Chris Manges, Kristen Langlais, Curt Busto
2. Business- Chris Manges and Cathie Wheeler are stepping down from the commission.
3. Minutes from January Approved
4. Nanny Berries-Hank mentioned the idea of ordering nanny berries for the town forest to attract birds and help with the border at the parking area. The group agreed to Hank ordering 10 Nanny Berry plants from Fedco or from a lower prices organization.
5. Vermont Fish and Wildlife Camp-Diane will email information to Brandon, Brandon will share the camp with the Burke Town School. Group will continue to promote online.
6. Vernal Pool Workshop- This workshop with Northern Forest Center and Vermont Center for Ecostudies will be held on May 17th.
7. Northwoods Seed Collection Project- Northwoods was given permission to collect seeds from Willey woods and North Pasture for a seed bank project.
8. Tiny Grant with Association of Conservation Commissions. due April 11th-Group will think of possible grant ideas for the next meeting.
9. State of Vermont Conservation Plan Discussion- Goal to have 30% of Vermont conserved. Discussed the need to get grassroots organizations connected to this plan to provide feedback and guidance.
10. Planning Commision-Diane attended this meeting last night. Elise Lawson will work to integrate the Natural Resource Map she recently created, with the community outreach mapping that happened in 2025 that could be utilized by the planning commission. Joint meeting with planning commission will happen this spring.

Respectfully submitted, Brandon Mapes