

Minutes

Burke Conservation Commission
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6 pm
Burke Community Building

1. Welcome:
Members Present: Elise Lawson, Hank Butler (Treasurer), Brandon Mapes, Kristen Langlais, Diane Wells (Chair), Lindley van der Linde (Secretary)
2. **Approve February Minutes:** Minutes approved.
3. **Member terms:** Do we need to more clearly define the terms? Currently the understanding is 3 years, but the 2025 Annual Report has different dates. We will make sure the town gets an updated accurate list prior to the new town report.
4. **Elect officers for coming year:** The BCC voted and approved keeping the current officers for 2026-2027.
5. **Treasurer's report:** by Hank. \$36,000 (total from CD's and other Categories) + \$265 raised for selling items towards Forest Fund + \$20,000 new Budget. We have some big ticket items this next year, including connecting the new land.
6. **NRI informational flyers:** Elise was looking for feedback on the natural resource maps. Really wonderful job combining information, maps, data and recommendations for each natural resource feature on each poster! Elise is introducing this next month to the Planning Commission. (est. 5 copies of full report).
7. **AVCC Tiny Grant:** Due Saturday April 11, 2026 \$800. ([Link Here](#)). Lindley is planning to request funds for the BTS Project Based Learning student projects. The unit theme is Planet in peril. (Possible projects include growing and planting native plants, restoring our current trails and observatory, growing a pollinator garden and bees, building a sugar house, or a pizza oven). Curt Busto has a proposal to help assess and restore the riparian habitats along recently damaged waterways.
8. **VT Fish & Wildlife Conservation Camp sponsorship:** Diane Wells filled in a sponsorship form that needs to be sent into the camp with the application. We will connect our 3 BTS students with the camp asap.
9. **Green Up Day Work Day:** Saturday, May 2
10. **Wiley Woods Vernal Pool Workshop:** Sunday, May 17
11. **Next BCC Meeting:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026
12. **Other Business:** Attend April Selectboard to ask them to help us repair the road into Wiley Woods. Chris M. used to put out signs for Green Up Day also 4/2. Lindley will send out a grant draft before the end of March.
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