

## Minutes

Burke Conservation Commission  
Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
Burke Town Hall

1. Welcome: Hank Butler (Treasurer), Brandon Mapes, Curt Busto, Elise Lawson, Kristen Langlais, Diane Wells (Chair), Lindley van der Linde (Secretary) GUEST from Sutton Conservation Commission Tara Lynn Scheidet
2. Approve Minutes: (Minutes approved)
3. BCC Strategic Plan: Reviewed plan from 2024. Add into 4e. (Nurture connection of our town youth with natural resources).
4. Treasurer's Report: Hank updated us on the budget. Going forward the funds will stay in our budget.
5. Recap: Willey Woods Workshops (place photos in the google drive)
  - a. Woodcock walk/Education. 24-25 attendees.
  - b. Vernal Pool Education. 15 attendees.
  - c. Chris Manges put up signs for town road clean-up and green bags were accessible.
  - d. Green up day/community service- 15 attendees. Fence installed and native shrubs planted.
6. Updates:
  - a. **NRI to planning and selectboard**-Elise and Diane met with the planning board. 6/10 public presentation scheduled. Hopefully DRB, planning board, BCC and public. It is town data. This is a good opportunity to connect and find out how we can help each other and use this information in an informed way. Thinking proactively of how to maintain our town's rural nature. (Selectboard presentation 6/1 by Elise). Under forms and documents on the Town website.
  - b. **Willey Woods**:  
New Map by Curt posted on the kiosk!  
Install a game camera?  
Parking and Permitting-Elise, Hank, Matt and Cliff walked with the State wetland ecologist (Lauren Sopher) on 5/19. Wetland permit required to build. We are waiting for her recommendations. Looking for accessibility, and protecting from wear and tear.
  - c. **BTS Chimney swift project**-(Brandon) Construction by students is underway.
  - d. **Wood Duck Box**-Kristen and Matt Langlais have a potential location.
  - e. Diane presented a series of **Fall Watershed Talks** that happen yearly in Hardwick. We discussed opportunities for doing this in Burke.
7. Looking Forward:
  - a. Willey Woods Bird Walk with Kevin Mack Saturday, May 30 7am
  - b. Logging nearby North Pasture as an opportunity to improve access road.
8. Next Meeting: Combined with planning commission and DRB (6/10).
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

Join Zoom Meeting

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