

Sutton Conservation Commission Minutes
1st meeting
Friday July 17, 2026
Private residence in Sutton

1. Welcome: Wanda Jastrzembski-Prince, Lauren Chamberlain, Jeff Norris, Erin Patoine, Don Prince, Pete the Greek, Tara Lynn Scheidet
2. Thoughts and Introductions

Wanda Jastrzembski-Prince, on Sheffield Road, Likes protecting wildlife and loves amphibians.

Lauren Chamberlain – on Calenderbrook Rd loves bodies of water and beavers. Interested in community engagement and youth and litter prevention.

Jeff Norris, rt 5 in Sutton, appointed to Sutton Conservation Commission 10 yrs. ago, likes outdoors, hunting fishing and logging and knows about forest management.

Erin Patoine, Chapman rd, hiking camping and backpacking, VT is a beautiful place and she wants it to stay that way. Green Up Day is a fun family tradition. Husband, Dana, is on the energy committee.

Don Prince, Sheffield rd, fell in love with Vermont after him and his wife hiked the long trail. Feels the Conservation Committee is a good fit to be more involved in the town. He likes to compromise and feels a duty to involve as many people as possible in government. He cares about the environment.

Pete the Greek from Boston showed up- doesn't want state involvement, feels like this place is good, doesn't want my taxes going up, people live here to be simple.

Interested in attending but unable to attend
Katy Banovic
Heather Bella

3. Things we want to find out:

What is the acreage of our town?

What % is forest and agriculture?

How the town taxes effected by town forests and community forests?

How to manage yellow jackets, hornets, and wasps in a thoughtful way?

Identifying invasive species phragmites, poison parsnip, Japanese knot-weed, honeysuckle?

4. Goals

We would like to be a resource for people in town. People can check in with the committee on community education on ongoing issues, recycling, litter, wildlife, green burials, land use, land donations etc.

The majority agreed education would be a helpful purpose for all of us.

Possible events to host for the future:

Edible wild plants walk.

Tree education.

Looking for someone in agriculture to join the conservation commission

5. Next SCC Meeting

Sutton Conservation Commission

Friday August 21st from 9 AM – 10:30 AM Sutton Fire Department

Agenda: Elect Officers, Brain Storm Mission, Set Goals

Burke Conservation Committee

Wednesday August 19th 6 PM at the Burke Community meal site

6. Resources:

<https://vtconservation.org/> Association for Conservation Commissions

<https://vtecostudies.org/what-we-do/projects/loon-conservation/loon-volunteer-materials-2>

<https://www.northwoodscenter.org/wordpress/help-the-vt-reptile-amphibian-atlas-find-frogs-in-newport-city/>

7. Adjourn