

Sutton Conservation Commission Minutes
Friday, September 18, 2026
Sutton Fire Department

1. Welcome – Tara Lynn Scheidet, Wanda Jastrzembski-Prince, Don Prince, Lauren Chamberlain, Heather Bella

2. Approve August Minutes – Approved!

3. Conversation

- The HERP Atlas talk in Sutton has been postponed to spring in Sutton.

4. Brainstorm our Mission -

We reviewed some items that the AVCC sends out on the LISTERV as an example for future budgeting and education opportunities

We know we need a budget

Why should the town give us money? What do we have planned that will benefit the town?

- To pay educational speakers for town residence

How to identify invasive species

Flood mitigation

- Supporting resources to create affordable housing in Sutton for people who are struggling – network with planning committee to help with affordable housing; help entities within the town see us as a partner

- Trashed land – how to manage and clean up and fund cleaning up trashed land

- Simplify Trash pickup in general; the goal is that we work with Burke and Sutton and roll the fee into our taxes so everyone has trash and recycling pickups, and less trash is burned and tossed into the ecosystem

- Burning of trash

- Protecting and enhancing our shared resources

- Community responsibility, empowering landowners to know what they can do with their property

- How to build sustainably within permits

- To be inclusive and educate the community

- A fall green-up day

- A Victory East Mountain Cleanup: contact owner of the mountain

- September 2027 phragmites cleanup for

- Spring on Underpass road pipe needs repair; spring liability to the town: does it need to be tested

We need to be prepared to present our case.

We need to petition the town for a budget ask before the town meeting in March 2027- this could also go to the select board.

\$25 or \$50 to join the AVCC

One talk costs \$40

Burke started with a \$500 ask at Town Meeting

- Link to Small Scale Dev meeting Heather is going to https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/ACCD/ACCD_Web_Docs/Housing/Homes%20For%20All/Homes%20for%20All%20Lyndon%20workshop%20flyer.pdf

5. Next Meeting -

Friday, October 16th 9 am – 10:30

Lauren wants to present amphibians and a short 15 min lesson to share what she learned and photos too.

We will learn how to use the tech devices at the next meeting for Lauren's presentation

Come up with 3 goals – 1. our budget request

7. Upcoming Events -

PVLT Passumpsic Valley Land Trust River Cleanup Sept 18th Wanda and Don are participating

Town Forest Stories

Water Management Talks:

The Burke Conservation Commission and the Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District are co-hosting a three-part series of educational talks in October, with topics catering to our Passumpsic watershed.

We look forward to folks coming together to learn, ask questions, and share thoughts and experiences.

Attached is the flyer with details.

All are welcome!

Cheers,

Diane Wells Burke Conservation Commission, Chair

8. Resources-

- Will and trust resources: New England Forestry Foundation and Trust for Public Land
- AVCC Alex Connizzo (802) 223-2328 x 126 aconnizzo@vnrc.org
- Burke Conservation Commission Members
 - Curt Busto Environmental Engineer Watershed Management Plans Culverts
 - Elise Lawson Wildlife Biologist Natural Resources Consultant

9. Next Meeting

Continue Brainstorming our Mission

Set Goals

- Youth education and community education
 - loon count
 - amphibian crossing
 - speakers coming to schools to plant seeds

Research Speakers

10. Other