

CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

March 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 37 Green St

Attendees: Chair Kristine Tardiff, Vice-Chair Jeff Lewis, Alternate Kevin Porter, Alternate Jim Owers, Rick Chormann, Mark Coen and Councilor Michele Horne

Absent: Katherine Healy and Tracey Lesser

Staff: Kearsten O'Brien, Senior Planner
Krista Tremblay, Administrative Technician III
Beth Fenstermacher, Director of Special Projects

Public: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tardiff at 7:02 p.m.

2. Minutes – Approve meeting minutes from meeting on February 11, 2026

Vice-Chair Lewis moved, Alternate Member Owers seconded, to approve the February 11, 2025 with two corrections. All in favor. The motion passed.

3. New Business

- a. The City of Concord requests a public hearing in accordance with RSA 675:54 for the construction of an approximate 20,400 square foot skate park and associated site improvements at Tax Map 64Z Lot 2, addressed as 19 Loudon Road in the Institutional (IS) District. (2026-018) (PL-SPR-2026-0058)
Beth Fenstermacher (41 Green St, Concord) is presented to the application.

The Conservation Commission discussed that the wetland is a low-quality wetland. The Commission commented that the plan should depict the reason as to why they cannot slide the project out of the wetland buffer area. The Commission also commented that somewhere in the Conditional Use Permit application the wetland should be specified as a low-quality wetland and how or if it will affect the wetland by disturbing the buffer.

Vice-Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend the Planning Board approve this plan and take into consideration the comments provided by the Conservation Commission. Member Coen seconded. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports

- a. Trails Subcommittee – Jeff Lewis

Vice-Chair Lewis will be the project manager to work with staff to see what can be figured out and will report back next month. The Trails Subcommittee discussed goals and should have complete next month. They are working on the trail guide update.

- b. Forestry

Chair Tardiff noted the forestry report was email out to the Conservation Commission.

- c. Tree Subcommittee update – Rick Chormann

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Member Chormann stated the minutes are attached from the last meeting and next meeting is March 27th.

d. Local River Advisory Committees

There was nothing discussed on this agenda item.

e. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

There was nothing discussed on this agenda item.

f. City Open Space and Easements

There was nothing discussed on this agenda item.

g. City Council/Planning Board

Councilor Horne stated they authorized the City Manager to accept the Bois Brodeur donation of 33 acres.

5. Old Business

- a. New trail follow-up discussion (Richards Forest Trail, West End Farm Trail, northerly bypass, 16-foot easement trail follow-up discussion) Status of each, any outstanding items remaining to be done for the ones that are completed, permit status, installation of signage, etc.

Ms. O'Brien stated the Richards Trail is done. The northerly bypass is completed. There was no update on the West End Farm Trail.

6. Staff updates on items

- a. Ms. O'Brien discussed having a joint meeting(s) with surrounding Town(s) where trails interconnect and build networks. Ms. O'Brien will reach out to see how they feel about how to handle that.

7. Non-Public RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property due to the circumstance it would render the proposed action ineffective.

On a motion made by Member Porter, seconded by Vice-Chair Lewis, the Conservation Commission voted to enter the non-public session at 7:48 p.m. by roll call vote 6 in favor (Chormann, Coen, Lewis, Owers, Porter and Tardiff) 0 opposed. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Member Coen, seconded by Member Chormann, the Conservation Commission voted to exit the non-public session at 8:31 p.m. by roll call vote 6 in favor (Chormann, Coen, Lewis, Owers, Porter and Tardiff) to 0 opposed. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Member Chormann, seconded by Alternate Member Owers, the Conservation Commission made a motion at 8:31 p.m. to seal the non-public meeting minutes due to render the proposed action ineffective by roll call vote 6 in favor (Chormann, Coen, Lewis, Owers, Porter and Tardiff) to 0 opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

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8. Adjourn

Adjournment

Member Chormann moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Lewis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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