

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 10, 2025 – 5:00PM (HYBRID)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Lee Potter, Sarah Webb (Alternate) and Steve Fitch (Alternate). Absent: Maria Grace, Tom Blagden, Susan Rand and Zach Sadow.
3. **Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2025. So Moved and Approved** by L. Potter and S. Fitch.
4. Review of article summarizing water section of the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for the Lakeville Journal (LJ). S. Webb asked about the link at the end of the article; L. Potter will ask Miles Todaro to format it. The Lakeville Journal does want to publish the article.
5. Review editing for water section of NRI -- L. Potter mentioned the 2023 water section which hasn't been approved by the Town yet and needs that approval. L. Potter has been editing the 2023 document and asked if they needed the whole group to get together on that. S. Webb asked if they should compare the '09 NRI to the '23 NRI; L. Potter responded yes, just update what has changed, like invasives, and that there will be a lot of new information on the lakes. S. Webb suggested keeping the '09 format and add new language; L. Potter suggested keeping the intro as-is; S. Fitch agreed it is a great format. S. Fitch suggested talking about the water quality of the Lakeville reservoir and recent impacts on water quality there.
6. Next LJ article – L. Potter asked if they should do more on water quality or submit a summary of forest section from the NRI. S. Fitch suggested combining them into a watershed article; L. Potter wants to talk to Curtis Rand about the formatting and talking to former authors of the '09 NRI; S. Webb agreed. L. Potter will contact M. Grace on how she was updating the NRI and noted that C. Rand would like a dynamic document, not to wait for a 10 year update.
7. Discuss 2009, 2022 and 2023 NRI's -- L. Potter will ask if it time for an overhaul. The introduction was reviewed and some time was put in on “real-time” edits. It is very detailed and S. Webb suggested they need a trained eye to catch the needed corrections. L. Potter will talk to M. Grace to clarify what her vision was. L. Potter assigned homework: S. Webb will work on lakes & ponds; S. Fitch will work on rivers and streams; L. Potter will work on strategies. L. Potter will email M. Grace's comments to them.
8. Sharon P&Z – agribusiness options for farm owners. Not discussed

S. Webb asked if they could discuss the knotweed survey at the next meeting. There was brief discussion about the use of glyphosate as a roadside spray and eradication of other invasives such as barberry and bittersweet. L. Potter mentioned that Miles Todaro is in charge of the volunteers doing the vernal pools surveys that have started.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm, **With All in Favor.**