

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Lee Potter, Susan Rand, Sarah Webb and Tom Blagden. Absent: Zach Sadow, Steve Fitch and Maria Grace. Attending: Curtis Rand
3. **Approval of Minutes April 10, 2025. So Moved** by S. Rand, seconded by T. Blagden, **With All in Favor.**
4. **Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2025. So Moved** by S. Rand, seconded by T. Blagden, **With All in Favor.**
5. Discussion: Draft Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review  
Every page of the draft was reviewed and minor edits were made by L. Potter and Members, in real time. The review included: Sections on water resources, agriculture, open spaces, critical habitats, maps needed, and the date of the preface. T. Blagden suggested that Forests and Woodlands could be a topic for a future Lakeville Journal article, including the management of invasive species in a changing climate. L. Potter will talk to John Landon, Salisbury Land Trust Association, and their position on the “Forever Wild” designation. C. Rand suggested that the NRI provide information, not editorial, about undefined management practices, etc. The Pope Land Design Committee and Michael Klemens map and draft of the Wood Turtles Habitat & Management Plan were briefly discussed. L. Potter suggested taking the politics out of the NRI; C. Rand suggested taking out the grievances also. C. Rand commented that there should be differentiation between enforcement responsibilities: the Town is responsible for Regulations, but enforcement of Land/Conservation easements are the responsibility of whoever holds the easements; politics do not belong in the NRI. L. Potter asked about getting maps from the Land Use office; C. Rand commented that is not possible right now, but there is a budget for map preparation, such as the Agricultural Resources map. C. Rand also suggested that there should be live links to update the maps more frequently when needed, such as updates from the Land Trust acquisitions.
6. Letters of Support: Land Trust Acquisitions  
S. Rand will work on those letters; there was general agreement to approve them.

7. Winter topic for the next Lakeville Journal article

Suggestions included: the health of forests and the Forever Wild designation; responsibility for fallen trees on roadside properties; being a good neighbor, neighborhood groups and getting rid of invasives.

8. Next meeting: Objectives and Topics to Address

L. Potter asked the Members to think about this for the next meeting.

**Adjournment. So Moved** by S. Rand, seconded by T. Blagden, **With All in Favor.**