

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2025 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.
2. Roll Call: Lee Potter, Maria Grace, Susan Rand, Steve Fitch (Alternate) and Sarah Webb (Alternate). Absent: Tom Blagden and Zach Sadow.
3. Minutes of October 9, 2025. A **Motion to Approve the Minutes of October 9, 2025** was made by L. Potter, seconded by S. Fitch, **With All in Favor.**
Schedule of 2026 Meeting Dates. The Conservation Commission will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm, on the Zoom platform; In-person (Hybrid) meetings may be held at Salisbury Town Hall, as indicated on the Agenda. The Schedule was unanimously Approved.
4. Review Updated NRI
L. Potter went over some minor language changes that had been made and some data that may be updated. M. Grace will check a few of the citations for the correct format and add a new paragraph to the section on Vernal Pools; Miles Todaro will be contacted for updates. Regarding the Public Act (PA 490) tax law, the total amount of acreage preserved as farmland, forest or open space has changed (slight decrease) to 20,039 acres, as of 4/23/2025. With regard to Recreation strategies, Director Lisa McAuliffe will be contacted for recommendations.
5. Update on meeting with Road Crew about salt.
L. Potter talked about meeting with Crew Chief Russell Hoage about the use of road salt.
6. Review LVJ on salt
S. Rand will ask the road crew more questions for the Lakeville Journal article, which needs a little more work. Ideas mentioned for future articles include vernal pools, threats to wetlands, and suggestions on what to plant.
7. Update on CACIWIC – Tabled
8. Help with vernal pools
Miles Todaro has requested help from this Commission in getting written permissions from property owners to come onto their property to check on vernal pool activities; it is a short list. S. Rand will work on 2 properties on Washinee Heights Road, including #19. S. Webb will work on the Salisbury School property. S. Fitch commented that he may know of another vernal pool

off of Dugway Road; he will check with Miles Todaro about it. Another wetland is on a property on Wildcat Hollow Road that they will work on. L. Potter and S. Rand had a meeting in Cornwall with Heidi Cunnick, Conservation Commission, and Bethany Sheffer, Sharon Audubon Center, about the vernal pool initiative and possibly working together on projects. One idea is to educate the public about vernal pools and possibly host a training session in Salisbury. Another idea is to talk to the Northwest Conservation District about a lecture.

9. Goals for 2026

L. Potter mentioned the idea of having a special meeting at someone's home to talk about ideas for 2026. L. Potter will host the meeting at her home on January 8, 2026. S. Rand suggested inviting people who have an interest in the Conservation Commission; M. Grace suggested inviting the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission members.

10. Adjournment. So Moved by L. Potter, seconded by M. Grace, **With All in Favor.**