

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 14, 2026 – 5:30PM (REMOTE)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Lee Potter, Tom Blagden, Cherie Butler and Steve Fitch (Alternate).  
Absent: Susan Rand, Maria Grace, Sarah Webb (Alternate) and Zach Sadow (Alternate).
3. **Approve Minutes of Feb. 12, 2026. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by T. Blagden, **With All in Favor.**
4. **Approve Minutes of April 9, 2026. So Moved** by T. Blagden, seconded by S. Fitch, **With All in Favor.**
5. Review approval of Minutes procedure – only officers and members who actually attended the meeting can vote to approve the Minutes of that meeting.
6. Review of Allen Cockerline talk on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the White Hart. The event was very well-attended and focused on his biography and experiences in farming. L. Potter suggested that the next time, T. Blagden could do an interview with him.
  - a. Cherie's list – Included a list of locations to place posters for future events; having a suggestion box for ideas for topics; providing water; having the speaker use a microphone.
  - b. Email/contact collection at event – ways to make this more efficient
7. Cool Talk Series – The plan is for Mat Kiefer to be the next speaker sometime in October; S. Rand will talk to Mr. Kiefer. The title/topic for the talk will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - a. T. Blagden's idea – Legacy of the Landscape – will be a photo presentation sometime in the winter or spring next year. T. Blagden would like to have other Land Trust groups involved; L. Potter agreed and suggested that a list with contact information is needed.
8. Conservation Commission Enrichment – T. Blagden announced that the trip for the Commission members to Great Mountain Forest will be on June 1, 2026 at 9:00am; they will meet at the East Gate entrance.
9. Vernal Pool summary – not discussed
10. LightsOutCT! Discussion

- a. L. Potter reported that an audit of Salisbury is being scheduled.
- b. Commission -- deep dive into light pollution
  - i. Salisbury could be the poster town for this initiative; Curtis Rand has asked the Conservation Commission to make recommendations for a list of things to do.
  - j. Educate citizens
  - k. Work with institutions and local bulb purveyors. C. Butler suggested trying to get the LightsOutCT! speakers to come here.

**Adjournment. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by S. Fitch, **With All in Favor**. The next meeting will be June 11, 2026.