

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026—5:30PM (REMOTE)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Lee Potter, Cherie Butler, Steve Fitch, Tom Blagden and Susan Rand.
Absent: Maria Grace, Sarah Webb (Alternate) and Zach Sadow (Alternate). Attending: Curtis Rand.
3. **Approve Minutes of August 13, 2026. So Moved** by S. Rand, seconded by S. Fitch, **With All in Favor.**
Approve Minutes of May 14, 2026. T. Blagden asked for a correction to Item 6 to reference that he had previously interviewed Allen Cockerline for the NRI, not for his talk at the White Hart. L. Potter had suggested that could be a format for a future talk. A **Motion to Approve the Minutes of May 14, 2026, as Amended**, was made by T. Blagden, seconded by S. Fitch, **With All in Favor.**
4. Review Cool Talk Series
 - a. S. Rand hasn't confirmed yet with Mat Kiefer, regarding October 29, 2026 at 6:00pm. S. Rand will ask him what he wants to talk about and encourage him to have visuals.
 - b. Location -- L. Potter will contact the Congregational Church and maybe the White Hart. October 22nd is open to have it at Town Hall.
 - c. Tom Blagden – Legacy of the Land talk in the spring – TBD
5. Conservation Commission Enrichment
 - a. Field trip with Curtis Rand on Mt. Riga – Mr. Rand commented that he is working on getting something together.
6. Dark Skies Initiative – what does this Commission want to do?
 - a. Review notes and discussion. Mr. Rand commented that the regulatory aspect is in the P&Z Regulations; this Commission may want to educate and come up with the technical aspects. This Commission should come up with a fact sheet about lighting and Mr. Rand pointed out that proposals in Special Permits can be different. C. Butler suggested letting people know about different options. L. Potter suggested using 5 different principles from the Dark Skies pamphlet; putting an article in the Lakeville Journal; meeting with P&Z and IWWC, at some point. Mr. Rand suggested sending a list of questions to Miles Todaro, asking what regulations are already in place. T. Blagden commented that it would be good education for the Commission and the public. Mr.

Rand suggested having a public meeting in the winter; C. Butler mentioned having a radio station interview, possibly with Sally Spillane.

- b. Review charts that compare Salisbury to other towns – L. Potter will send those around.

General discussion

L. Potter mentioned having a field trip to the White Memorial Foundation that could offer a hike around different locations, offer different management practices, and other ideas. Mr. Rand agreed the Commission should do that, and then do something local, like Mt. Riga, in the late spring. L. Potter will find out about available times. L. Potter shared a draft of the LJ article on Artificial Light at Night and asked that comments be sent to her. The next C.C. meeting is October 8, 2026 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment. L. Potter Moved to Adjourn at 6:25pm, With All in Favor.