CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2026—5:30PM (REMOTE)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

2. Roll Call. Present: Lee Potter, Susan Rand, Tom Blagden, Maria Grace, Steve Fitch (Alternate) and Sarah Webb (Alternate). Absent: Cherie Butler and Zach Sadow (Alternate)

3. **Approve Minutes of September 10, 2026. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by S. Fitch, and **Approved with one Abstention**, Maria Grace had not attended the meeting.

4. Cool Talk Series
   a. Date for Mat Kiefer – History of Land Use –L. Potter suggested December 3, 2026 at 6pm at the White Hart. S. Rand will talk to the White Hart regarding details and confirm with Mat Kiefer. S. Rand and S. Fitch will talk to Mr. Kiefer about the topic. L. Potter will check with John Landon, regarding the Salisbury Association Land Trust.
   b. Posters generated, White Hart contacted, AV – all covered. S. Webb might try to get Salisbury School input.
   c. Use Robin Hood radio to promote – will be discussed under Item 6.
   d. Spring – round table discussion about ALAN/Dark Skies – discuss under Item 6.

5. Enrichment Trips
   a. White Memorial – working with James Fischer re: visit in late Oct. or Nov.
   Possible dates October 19 – 23; L. Potter will arrange – maybe October 21, early afternoon.

6. Dark Skies Initiative
   a. Fact sheet for homeowners – those who apply for building permits get this
   L. Potter suggested that there may be 2 phases; phase 1 could be local education and phase 2 might be about town ordinances. Phase 1 will include an article in the Lakeville Journal, a fact sheet, possibly a spring lecture, and maybe something on Robin Hood radio in the winter. L. Potter mentioned that she had met with Cathy Shyer (P&Z Chair), who talked about some building horror stories.
   b. L. Potter reviewed the draft ALAN article; S. Webb will help work on it. All members had thoughts and suggestions for the article.
   c. Review POCD re lighting – Ask Miles Todaro what P&Z regulations we have. M. Grace will look at them and then ask Miles about it.

Commissioner Comments

M. Grace and T. Blagden talked about Roger Liddell, Sharon Land Trust Board Member and Member of the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission, who might be able to give a talk on astronomy, at some point in the spring. T. Blagden and M. Grace suggested coordinating dates and contacting Roger Liddell. L. Potter suggested having a round table discussion with the presidents of the lake associations.

Fact Sheet on ALAN – L. Potter talked about the details, including, Five Lighting Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting. Contacting the large schools may be a project. M. Grace mentioned that there may be a Dark Skies initiative in Falls Village; L. Potter will get more information. Falls Village has recently passed a light ordinance; M. Grace will look at it. S. Webb will do research on the ALAN details for the article. There were many other ideas and suggestions from the members.

Adjournment. So Moved by L. Potter, **With All in Favor**.