

Meeting Minutes for Conservation Commission Monthly
Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

6:00 P.M. In-person at City Hall & Virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order on 06/17/2026 at 6:05pm by Chair, Rose Vath.

Count of voting members: 5

Present Members: Rose Vath, Jas Smith, Nolan Carver, Royce Meyers, Michelle Champoux, Keir Barbero (Staff Representative)

Absent Members: Paul Marangelo

Rose Vath: Move to review and approve the meeting agenda, with the following amendments:

- Remove review and approval of May meeting minutes to pass both May and June meeting minutes at the July meeting following review by all commission members.

2nd: Michelle Champoux

Vote: Unanimous Consent.

Motion **Passes**.

Public Comment

Steve Whitaker: Provided comments on ongoing and planned activities at the Country Club Road site. Expressed concerns regarding lack of environmental screening done on the property, specifically areas where food production was occurring. Requested MCC to provide advisory comments to the City Council ahead of \$1 land transfer to developers for additional development.

Agenda Items

Rose Vath: Opens floor for discussion on the **Hubbard Park Signage Project Working Session – Text for Natural Communities**.

- General updates:
 - All quarterly reporting for Lake Champlain Basin Program grant have been completed.
 - Reviewed production progress of wetlands and hemlock signs. Commission had extremely positive feedback and agreed with continuing towards a final product.
- Reviewed the text suggestions from Parks Director, Alec Ellsworth, and incorporated that feedback and Lake Champlain Basin Program specialist into final copy for interpretive signs.
- Remaining action items:

- Rose to send MCC logo, final wetland acreage, and updated copy to graphic design team.
- Keir to coordinate with North Branch Nature Center on installation methods.

Rose Vath: Opens floor for discussion on **Project Planning for Upcoming Year.**

- Reviewed town plan to discuss possible projects for prioritization.
- Michelle expressed desire to continue backyard habitat initiative into the upcoming year. Michelle will begin working on an elevator pitch and developing next steps for the MCC on outreach.

Rose Vath: Opens floor for discussion on **Topics for July Meeting**

- No specific topics for consideration were brought forward.

Rose Vath: Opens floor for **Round Robin Discussion.**

- No updates from the members.

Rose Vath: Motion to close the forum and adjourn.

2nd: Nolan Carver

Vote: Unanimous Consent.

Motion **Passes.** Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Next MCC meeting 07/15/2026 @ 6:00 PM; virtually via Zoom.