

Georgia Conservation Commission
Minutes 06-18-2026
APPROVED TBD

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Attendance:

Present: Alysia Catalfamo, Tom Hargy, Suzanna Brown, Peter Mazurak, Meghan Cox, Debb Fraser, Kristin Newton, Connor O'Driscoll

Guests: Doug Bergstrom, Mike Chase

Absent: Fred Grimm

Financials as of 6/4/26:

CRF (account 9-1-00-00-01.05): \$172,991

General (account A-1-00-00-01.05): \$53,548

Line items (account 1-7-05-80-52.00): \$4,972

Selectboard Minutes: None

May Minutes: Minutes were accepted by the Commission.

New business:

1. New signs will be posted at SLW to properly mark the end of the town's property. Messages on Facebook and Front Porch Forum will be posted to reiterate respecting the land and property. Tom motioned to install signs to delineate the boundaries of SLW on the Blake Trail and the Purmont Trail. Motion was seconded by Connor and unanimously approved by the commission.
2. Mike Chase from the GCEC to discuss building bike trails on town land. Grants and trail building are available from the VNBA. The commission discussed that the town parks and properties are not very suitable for a bike trail for multiple reasons. The Town Forest was discussed as a possibility. Mike will visit the forest and return with a plan if he desires.
3. Catherine Wessel, Assistant Botanist at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources asked if it is possible to visit the Lost Pond property in order to conduct a rare plant survey for St. Lawrence grapefern (*Sceptridium rugulosum*). The Commission agreed to assist in acquiring access to Lost Pond.
4. Discussion was held about repairing the stairs at RGNA as the first project for the summer. Planning is underway and the volunteer list will be used for the project. RGNA steps will be replaced with local hemlock logs and cedar pegs.
5. Discussion was held over ways to improve the Wilcox Trail at SLW. This trail is very muddy and has erosion concerns. The Commission is going to look further into ways to improve this trail.

On-going business:

1. Placing a memorial bench at the Silver Lake Woods pond overlook will be pursued in the Spring. GCC will pay for a printed sign commemorating Chris Bouchard.
2. Improving the coarse stone on Silver Lake trails is not necessary. Repairing the lower bridge will need to wait until timber harvesting is completed.

Adjournment: 7:50