

Georgia Conservation Commission
Minutes 08-17-2026
APPROVED TBD

Call to Order: 6:40 PM

Attendance:

Present: Alysia Catalfamo, Peter Mazurak, Tom Hargy, Meghan Cox, Debb Fraser,

Guests: Nora Brown

Absent: Fred Grimm, Kristin Newton, Connor O'Driscoll, Suzanna Brown

Financials as of 7/31/26:

CRF (account 9-1-00-00-01.05): \$173,115

General (account A-1-00-00-01.05): \$54,410

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

Selectboard Minutes: None

Previous Minutes: June minutes were accepted by the Commission. No meeting was held in July.

New business:

1. Nora Brown of NRPC culvert and floodplain restoration project. Two candidate firms, Watershed and Fitzgerald, were highly recommended, but Fitzgerald had a slightly higher rating from NRPC. GCC members inquired about the firms and the selection process, and in consideration of the fact that much of the design work by Fitzgerald would be conducted in-house, Peter moved and Debb seconded that Fitzgerald be selected. This was approved unanimously.
2. GCC has declined to be further involved in posting signs for adjoining properties at the northern border of the SLW Blake Trail. Have communicated with the town that they may purchase signs.
3. Sept 12 at 9 am was set for a commission/volunteer event to establish a new trail spur into the barnyard area of SLW.
4. Two interpretative signs, one for RGNA and one for SLW, were selected and approved for purchase.

On-going business:

5. A decision was made to purchase a memorial bench for the SLW pond overlook. A second, identical bench will also be obtained, to be paid for by the family of Paul Newton, to be placed on the Kipling Trail. GCC will pay for a printed sign commemorating Chris Bouchard.
6. The Russell Greene Natural Area trail maintenance conducted in July was successful in replacing several series of steps on the steeper sections of the trail. Volunteers and commission members were involved in the work.
7. Discussion was held over ways to improve the Wilcox Trail at SLW. This trail is very muddy and has erosion concerns. Greg Fatigate of Rabbit Tracks visited the site last

week with Alysia and Tom, and will offer a proposal on shunting water out of the pathway, and on improving the intermittent stream crossing near the Wilcox bridge.

8. Alysia has asked Charlie Hancock for updates on the SLW logging project. Charlie will contact the logger and let her know later.

Adjournment: 7:40

ACRONYMS

ACRPC: Addison County regional planning commission (block grant 104A gully)

AOP: Aquatic Organism Passage

ARCO: Archaeological study

AVCC: Association of Vermont Conservation Comm.(Tiny grants)

CCRPC: Chittenden County regional planning commission Basin 5 (Falls trail gully)

CREP: Conservation reserve enhancement program

CRF: Conservation Reserve Fund

FCRPC: Franklin County regional planning commission

GCC: Georgia Conservation Commission

GMCC: Green Mountain Conservation Camps

NRCD: Natural resources conservation district (tree sales/etc.)

NRCS: Natural resources conservation services (mostly agriculture)

NRPC: Northwest regional planning commission Basin 7-Lamoille drainage

RFP: Request for proposals

RGNA: Russell Green Natural Area

SLW: Silver Lake Woods