

Jefferson Conservation Commission

Minutes

15 April 2025

Jefferson Community Center

178 Meadows Rd

Jefferson, NH 03583

1. I called the meeting to order, and Jamie Savage, Nancy Decourcey, and Charles Muller were present as a quorum.
2. Approved the March Minutes with no changes.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Carter Cut—Dave Passios reported that the Phase 1 report on the Israel River is complete. The pipeline company paid for it, but funding issues are holding up Phase 2.
 - b. Jamie checked on the white ash tree by his home for signs of the Emerald Ash Borer but did not see any telltale signs.
4. Bob Lottero contacted Jamie about the dieback of several of his hardwood trees, including oaks, up near his sugarbush. He had a guy from the State on site who thought it might result from spraying on a field below. Jamie had another opinion since spraying had been going on for many years. He thinks that trees cut above the clearing for solar panels had changed the chemical composition of the soil, and it became too rich in nitrogen, possibly killing the trees.
5. We discussed an Earth Day clean-up of the Trailheads in town.
6. The Hartley Conservation Easement will be monitored in early May.
7. No new business, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.
8. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 20 May 2025.

Nancy Decourcey

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