

Jefferson Conservation Commission
Minutes
17 March 2026
Jefferson Community Center
178 Meadows Rd
Jefferson, NH 03583

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with all five members present. Nancy Decourcey, Dave Passios, Jamie Savage, Charles Muller, and David Govatski. We had a quorum.
2. Approved the 17/19 March 2026 Amended Minutes
3. Old Business:
 - a. Natural Resource Inventory: We received a bid from Elise Lawson of Watershed to Wildlife for creating 14 maps for the Jefferson Natural Resource Inventory. The proposal was \$10,000 to produce 14 maps. We decided we needed two more bids because of the high cost in this proposal. David Govatski will seek two more bids.
 - b. Conservation Commission Carryover Fund: We discussed using the carryover fund for the Natural Resource Inventory and potentially a recreational trail project on town-owned land at the Community Center.
4. New Business:
 - a. Review of Santa's Village – Lantern Campground Septic System Wetland Permit and Maps. We saw no issues with the proposed plan. The plan was thorough and complete.
 - b. Potential uses of the Town-owned land from the Community Center to Israel's River: Dave Passios volunteered to look at potential uses of this narrow strip of land. Charles Muller mentioned a trail built by an Eagle Scout about twenty years ago. There is an old gravel pit on the tract now.
 - c. CC Sponsored Events: Dave Passios asked about CC sponsored events. The CC sponsored a Volunteer River Assessment Program VRAP on Israel's River that monitored water quality for several years. The CC also sponsored a Mercury pollution study of Cherry Pond that involved catching large yellow perch and having them analyzed at the NH State Lab. The CC also sponsored a US 2 Litter pickup four times a year, but that ended due to a lack of volunteers and a perceived safety concern. The CC has also conducted litter pickups on Earth Day for three years. We will discuss additional public involvement opportunities at our next meeting.
5. No new business. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.
6. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21 April 2026.

David Govatski
18 March 2026