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Conservation Commission Minutes **Approved: May 26, 2026**
Monday, May 12, 2026

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
Members present: Marijan Andacic, Leah Basbanes, Alan Chase, Kate DeLoureiro, and Bridgette Pontbriand

Members absent: Al Starbird

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, lower level

Notice of Intent (NOI) Public Hearing Continuation – 164 Pleasant St/MCO Cottages for MCO & Associates
The Commission reviewed the applicants continuation request and DEP feedback requiring completion of mean annual high groundwater analysis prior to approval of an Order of Conditions (OOC). The applicant will complete the required testing and provide results to the Commission and DEP for comments.

- Marijan made a motion to accept the public hearing extension request to the next May 27, 2026 DCC meeting. Kate seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

NOI Extension Request – 5 Pleasant Street Extension for New England Power
The Commission reviewed the applicants request to extend the opening of the Notice of Intent hearing to meet statutory notice requirements and allow for additional DEP stormwater review.

- Alan Chase made a motion to accept the public hearing extension request to the next May 27, 2026 DCC meeting. Leah seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Site Visit Request – 13 Brook Street
The Commission discussed a request for a site visit for side yard improvements sought. A visit was scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2026 at 10:00am.

DRLT
Three Commissioners, Alan Chaney, Alan Chase and Bridgette Pontbriand, abstained from this portion of the meeting (no discussion or vote participation).

a) McGovern Memorial Monument – Groton St.

The Commission reviewed the request to install a small memorial marker near a wetland buffer area. The Commission determined no Conservation filing was required.

- Leah made a motion to allow placement of the monument without a filing. Kate seconded the motion. – Motion passed (3-0-3, with three abstentions).

b) Hardman Driveway Culvert – 417 Main St.

The DEP requires a Notice of Intent filing for this proposed work to replace the culvert. The Commission discussed drainage, nearby beaver activity impact, and driveway elevation. They will advise the DRLT to proceed with a formal NOI filing.

Stewardship

The Commission reviewed property maintenance including trail conditions, mowing needs, invasive species management, and upcoming volunteer work at Flat Rock Conservation Area which was moved to the rain date of May 16th.

The Commission discussed an email of proposal from Scott Lewis to develop and host the Town trails website at no cost to the Commission; with possible participation in the Assessor's department Senior work program for property tax abatement credit. Marijan will follow up regarding long-term management and Administrator access for updates.

Monday Morning Walks in May occurred on May 4th, and 11th with good attendance and beautiful weather to enjoy the Amos Kendall, Kennedy CR and Emery Woods as well as the Town Forest and Unkety Woods properties. Chair Alan will guide the final walk of the season on May 18th, weather permitting.

Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2026

- Bridgette made a motion to approve the April 27th meeting minutes. Alan Chase seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

- Kate made a motion to sign off on one payroll. Alan Chase seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Leah moved to close the meeting at 7:31PM. Marijan seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting scheduled is Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Rock
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Dunstable Conservation Commission

APPROVED