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Conservation Commission Minutes **Approved: August 10, 2026**
Monday, July 27, 2026

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
Members present: Marijan Andacic, Leah Basbanes, Alan Chase, and Bridgette Pontbriand

Members absent: Kate DeLoureiro and Al Starbird

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

Site Visit Feedback: 161 Pleasant Street

The Commission reviewed feedback from the recent site visit conducted by Alan Chase and Bridgette. Members determined that the proposed reconstruction of a new sunroom and porch would remain within the existing footprint and outside the 100-foot buffer zone. Silt fencing was recommended during construction and the Commission agreed that the Building Department could proceed with release of the building permit.

Potential Wetland Impact Projects

The Commission discussed 215 Pleasant Street, where a pizza shop has been proposed, and noted that any septic work or ground disturbance within 200 feet of the nearby Salmon Brook would require a Notice of Intent (NOI). The Commission also reviewed a proposed new dwelling build at 309 Main Street and noted an NOI would be required given the wetland area at the front of the property. A proposed new barn to be built at 157 Forest Street was reviewed with a concern surrounding wetland delineation flagging needs and required NOI permitting requirements. A site visit to 157 Forest Street was scheduled for August 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., subject to confirmation with the property owner.

Stewardship & Property Maintenance

DunstableTrails.org website: Marijan reported on his phone call discussion with Scott Lewis, who has volunteered to develop a Town conservation properties and trails website. Members discussed hosting costs, domain ownership, OpenStreetMap integration, site maintenance, and future content development. The Commission supported Scott's proceeding with work on the project, if approved by Senior Services under the Town's Senior Work Tax Credit Program. The Commission agreed

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that assuming ownership of Scott's previously secured DunstableTrails.org domain would be an appropriate website name.

Property Maintenance: The Commission discussed completed driveway and apron repairs graciously made by the Roads Department at Flat Rock Hill and Stone Arch Bridge Conservation Areas. They reviewed the upcoming invasive species treatment, mowing restrictions, and recommendations contained in the Stevens Associates report regarding the Mill Street Dam. Members agreed that further review of the dam would be conducted this fall by the Commission to assess needs for tree or brush clearing on the earthen dam.

Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2026

- Bridgette made a motion to approve the July 13th meeting minutes. Alan Chase seconded the motion. – The motion carried by a vote of 3-0-2, with members who were absent abstaining.

Bills/Payroll

- Alan Chase motioned to approve one payroll. Leah seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- No bills.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting/Other Business

The Commission expressed no concerns regarding a request from the owners to build two pergolas over an existing patio at 47 Lower Dam Way. Members discussed unauthorized trees removal reported at 31 Lower Dam Way. Leah and Alan will drive by to confirm, ahead of issuance of a violation letter. Chair Alan provided updates regarding the DRLT state grant being pursued for 26 Robbins Farm Road proposed acquisition and his taking care of downed trees on their Horse Hill Quarry trail.

Future Agenda Items

The Commission will conduct a Notice of Intent public hearing for 60 Sky Top Lane on August 10, 2026.

- Leah moved to close the meeting at 7:25PM. Marijan seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Rock
Administrative Coordinator, Dunstable Conservation Commission

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