

Exeter Conservation Commission
Nowak Room
February 26, 2026
3:00 PM
Draft Minutes

Call to Order

1. Introduction of Members Present (by Roll Call)

Present at tonight's meeting were: Chair Dave Short, Keith Whitehouse, Alternates: Michele Crepeau, and Bill Campbell

Staff Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner
Doug Eastman, Building Inspector

Chair Short called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and the members and alternates introduced themselves. Chair Short elevated the alternates Michele and Bill to a voting position.

2. Public Comment – NONE.

Action Item

3. Review of proposed stair design for Raynes Barn

Keith Whitehouse gave an overview of the stair design. The location will be in the south/west corner of the barn along the interior wall of the former main level milk room, with the stairs running from the main level, east straight down to the basement level. From the main level, there will be a rough sawn platform so that the entry is level from the Newfields Road small doorway, the interior door that accesses the rest of the barn, and the electrical panel that is in that room. Doug Eastman, building inspector presented that he had met Keith Whitehouse and the contractor onsite and reviewed the submitted plans. He indicated there will be handrails on both sides of the stairway, with either ballasts or a wall along the exterior of the stairs. Keith showed photos of the current condition of the barn.

MOTION: Following the presentation, Ms. Crepeau motioned that the Conservation Commission has reviewed the proposal and is in support of the staircase as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously. 4-0-0

4. Adjournment

Chair Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 PM. Mr. Whitehouse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner