

1 Exeter Conservation Commission  
2 Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee  
3 June 16, 2026  
4 2:00 PM  
5 Minutes  
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7 Attendees: Keith Whitehouse, Kathy Norton, Don Briselden, Sally Ward, Bill Campbell, Kristen Murphy.  
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9 Sally Ward nominated Keith Whitehouse as new chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. Unanimously approved.  
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11 Keith raised questions about the cattle underpass and the group discussed prior legal counsel work  
12 determining ownership. The RR owns the land between the front field and back field. Kristen can find  
13 the documentation that was done.  
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15 Art in the Barn – extend registration/submission to just before the event and do not collect \$10 deposit.  
16 Kristen to update webpage. Bill and Keith to work on outreach to Riverwoods.  
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18 Kristen provided an overview of the fire plan. It set capacity limits per floor (50 upstairs, 25 down),  
19 requires life safety equipment be in place (fire extinguishers, signage, etc), requires all event attendees  
20 to be told how to operate the fire alarm, where to go in the event of a fire, and requires large barn  
21 doors to be left open.  
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23 Discussed plans for a barn re-opening celebration and ideas to include in the event. It will be 7/18. Don  
24 will check with Barbar Rimkunas. Suggested SPCA for farm animals.  
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26 Discussed other event ideas:

- 27 • Desire to create 501c3 to help with donation options (venmo) initially with future role for  
28 organizing events.
- 29 • Add a “friends of Raynes Barn” page to create a more formal recognition. Meet with Julia Lanter  
30 and model after friends of the library.
- 31 • Interview Kathy to collect history
- 32 • Add signage to barn spaces based on how they were used
- 33 • Improve a-frame sign for use on multiple events
- 34 • Pumpkin patch
- 35 • Community garden
- 36 • Stage historic items
- 37 • Fall craft fair, sell vendor spaces
- 38 • Exeter Historic Society for their speaking events
- 39 • Photo ops for seniors/wedding pictures
- 40 • Full moon/bonfires
- 41 • Kids fun run around field perimeter
- 42 • Create a form on webpage to collect event ideas

43 Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner