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PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room at 10 Front Street, Exeter on
Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

1. Introduction of Members Present
2. Public Comment

Action Items:

1. In Stream Flow letter of support
2. Trail Workshop w/ [NHACC & AMC](#)
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Management
 - i. Raynes Farm Expense:
 1. Port o potty May – Sept \$750 (\$150/mo)
 - ii. Trail Bridge Supplies \$1,250
 - b. Outreach Events
 - i. 4/25 Arbor Day Celebration Event Report
 - ii. May 9th Alewife Festival Event Report
 - iii. May 16th Birch Tree Celebration
 - iv. Art in the Barn Event (9/26) Update
 - c. Other Committee Reports (River Study, Sustainability, Energy, Tree, CC Roundtable)
5. Approval of Minutes: 2/10 Meeting, 2/26 Meeting, 4/9 Site Walk, 4/14 Meeting, and 4/21 Site Walk, 4/22 Meeting
6. Correspondence

Other Business

7. Next Meeting: 6/9/26, Submission Deadline 5/29/26

Dave Short

Exeter Conservation Commission

Posted May 8th, 2026 Exeter Town Website and Town Office kiosk.

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May 12, 2026

Instream Flow Program
Prioritization Comments
Watershed Management Bureau, NHDES
PO Box 95 - 29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0095

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Town of Exeter Conservation Commission, we write to strongly support the inclusion of the Exeter River in the next protected instream flow study under the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Instream Flow Program.

The Commission's foremost responsibility is the stewardship of Exeter's natural resources, and the Exeter River stands as one of the Town's most significant ecological assets. Sustaining adequate instream flow is fundamental to preserving the river's ecological integrity—supporting aquatic habitat, sustaining native fish and wildlife populations, maintaining natural temperature regimes, and protecting water quality. These functions are interconnected and essential not only to the river itself, but to the broader watershed and downstream ecosystems that depend upon it.

As development pressures, water withdrawals, and climate variability intensify, the need for scientifically grounded flow protections becomes increasingly urgent. An instream flow study would provide critical data to better understand seasonal and long-term flow needs, helping to safeguard the biological health and resilience of the river system. Such information is indispensable for proactive conservation planning and for preventing incremental degradation of this vital resource.

While the river is an important component of the Town's water supply, the Commission emphasizes that long-term water security is inherently tied to ecological health. Protecting natural flow regimes ultimately supports sustainable water use by maintaining the very systems that recharge, filter, and regulate water resources.

The timing of a potential instream flow study is particularly advantageous, as it would allow the Town to integrate ecological flow data into ongoing infrastructure planning. Aligning water management decisions with the river's natural requirements will help ensure that future investments are both environmentally responsible and resilient in the face of changing conditions.

In conclusion, inclusion of the Exeter River in the next Instream Flow Program study represents a critical opportunity to advance the protection of one of Exeter's most valuable natural resources. The resulting data and guidance will strengthen the Town's ability to balance human needs with the preservation of ecological function for generations to come.

The Exeter Conservation Commission stands ready to assist with and support this effort through local knowledge, data sharing, and community engagement.

Thank you for your continued leadership in protecting New Hampshire's water resources and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dave Short,
Chair, Exeter Conservation Commission

Town of Exeter New Hampshire
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 Budget, Reciepts and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2026
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For The Months Ended 3/31/2026

Account 01461105-

Category Number	Category Name	Budget 2026	Expended 2026 YTD	Planned Expenses 2026	Remaining 2026 Budget	Comment
51200	Sal/Wages - PT	\$820	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$820.00	
51210	Sal/Wages - Temp	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
52200	FICA	\$51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51.00	
52210	Medicare	\$12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	
55051	Conservation Land Administration	\$4,500	\$438.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,312.00	
55058	Contract Services	\$1,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
55088	Dues	\$1,250	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	
55091	Education/Training	\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
55171	Legal/Public Notices	\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
55224	Postage	\$20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	
55247	Registry of Deeds	\$30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
55254	Roadside Mowing	\$1,825	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,825.00	
	Total	\$9,808.00	\$1,313.00	\$1,750.00	\$6,745.00	

 Andrew Koff, Treasurer

 Date



CALL

TO

ARTISTS

for registration information

please email

aitb@exeternh.gov

registration deadline

June 15, 2026

For

Art In The Barn

at the

Raynes Barn

Exeter, NH

September 26, 2026

The Exeter Conservation Commission invites emerging and established artists to participate in the Art in the Barn Exhibition at Raynes Barn on Saturday, September 26. All proceeds support the barn's upkeep and future community and educational programs.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- **Canvas:** Artists receive an 8"x8" birchwood cradled canvas with a \$10 refundable deposit (returned upon submission).
- **Eligibility:** Open to artists high school age and older in the Exeter area. All media welcome: painting, drawing, mixed media, printmaking, photography.
- **Submission:** Deliver completed work to Exeter Town Hall (9 Front St) on September 8, 4-7 PM.
- **Pricing:** All artwork will be sold at a fixed price of \$50.
- **Reception:** Artist gathering on September 26, 9-11 AM.
- **Details:** Include a brief artist statement and optional website/contact info with your piece.
- **Info:** AITB@exeternh.gov

EVENT DETAILS:

The exhibition and sale take place at Raynes Farm (61 Newfields Rd, Exeter, NH) on September 26, 12-4 PM. All works are 8"x8" and remain on display for the duration of the event.

Pickup: Monday, September 28, 4-6 PM (no early release).

Unclaimed work after 14 days may not be retained.

Exeter Conservation Commission
Nowak Room
Town Hall
10 Front Street
February 10, 2026
7:00 PM
Draft Minutes

Call to Order

1. Introduction of Members Present (by Roll Call)

Present at tonight’s meeting were: Chair Dave Short, Vice-Chair Connor Madison, Trevor Mattera, Andrew Koff, Keith Whitehouse, Nick Campion, Valorie Fangor, Alternates: Kyle Welch, Sean Torres, Michelle Crepeau, and Bill Campbell (virtual)

Staff Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner

Chair Short called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the members and alternates introduced themselves

2. Public Comment

Action Items

1. Fort Rock Riders Trail Discussion

Dan Longcope, Alex Dardinski (Stratham), Toby Ferdyn and Jonathan Everett of Fort Rock Riders (FRR) presented heat mapping of the trails from STRAVA and recommendations. The maps show the amount of use on the trails. They noted some trails need maintenance and some are not easily accessed. They asked if the Commission wanted to see recreational use in areas where it may soon be lost. Mr. Torres noted it did not need to be one or another and many trails work well with conservation networks that are not overly dense, or overly sparse. Mr. Torres noted STRAVA heat maps pick up more bike usage than walkers and hikers. Mr. Whitehouse recommended working with other groups so that it is not exclusively riders. Toby noted FRR is enjoyed by many other groups.

They had five maintenance bridge building days and that work will be ongoing. They recommended overhaul of the two bridges off the Watson lot (the Forest Ridge Trail) using pressure-treated lumber. Ms. Murphy advised that as these are in prime wetlands they would need to file a permit by notification with the state and wait ten days to hear. Each permit is \$25. They asked if there were any restrictions on materials and she indicated she did not believe so.

43 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to expend \$25 for the permit for the Swamp Bridge. Mr. Madison
44 seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

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46 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to expend \$25 for the permit for the Crooked Bridge. Mr. Madison
47 seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

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49 They forecasted that with the loss of the Rugg property that will likely drive more users south and
50 questioned if the current conditions could handle that traffic. They discussed parking areas and access
51 from those and looked at barriers to accessibility. They recommended their priorities for repairs and
52 future opportunities. They noted the eroded trails on BLT and Demoralizer. They recommended
53 eliminating the parallel trails and having one while the discontinued trails have a chance to stabilize.
54 Another area was identified for rerouting where there is a steep climb and stream. They noted that they
55 would use the wildlife heat map to limit impact on the most sensitive western side. Mr. Torres noted he
56 would like to see Hamburger Hill rolled into this. He expressed concerns with losing town trails to
57 erosion and people continuing to do their own thing.

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59 They recommended flagging and walking the identified areas with the Commission and setting up
60 volunteer build days.

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62 Chair Short noted that he liked the bridge redecking plan. Mr. Welch cautioned that the support system
63 may be discovered to need work come spring. Chair Short agreed it is frozen now but that is the best
64 time to do the work on the decking. Chair Short noted that on Dean's Dream the planks are broken up
65 and almost gone. Mr. Koff noted that was private property. Ms. Murphy noted the state property as
66 well and that it was worth looking into those and having conversations with private property owners.
67 Mr. Campbell agreed that he didn't want to see a situation like the Ruggs if another owner sells. Ms.
68 Murphy noted it was a good opportunity to approach owners.

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70 Chair Short noted he was in favor of flagging and walking #5 and #6. He noted not a lot of work can get
71 done but it was a good time for planning. Mr. Campion agreed that the decking makes sense and
72 commended their plan. Mr. Mattera noted he loved the strategic design, it was really well done, and
73 taking the wildlife heat map into consideration and chunking off priorities. Mr. Campbell stated that the
74 presentation was one of the best things he has seen come to Conservation in 35 years and if they can
75 pull off some of it does a lot of credit.

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77 Chair Short recommended doing their homework and coming back to the Board to walk the flagged
78 areas. He recommended initial focus on #5, 6 and 7.

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80 Mr. Whitehouse recommended looking at Conservation properties, especially the river corridors. Ms.
81 Murphy noted the existing 2011-12 plan and Ms. Crepeau recommended a site walk. Mr. Whitehouse
82 noted they could walk on conservation property without trespassing issues. Mr. Koff noted funds would
83 be needed to take action and current use land change tax or a bond are possibilities. Ms. Murphy noted
84 the 2012 Natural Resources Inventory and ranking for aquatic mitigation grant funding. Mr. Mattera
85 noted the 2021-22 Coastal Watershed resource has specific municipal maps. Mr. Torres noted there are
86 smaller parcels SELT won't take on. Mr. Campbell would like to be involved.

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2. Stone Property – Gas Line Maintenance (Brian Chaput of Unitil/Granite State Gas Transmission)

Brian Chaput presented the request for work on town property to pressure test the high-pressure gas line. He provided a handout of the proposal to use timber mat for laydown areas and explained how approximately 66,000 gallons of water would be used to test and then be hauled off by Clean Har. He noted the work would take five to six weeks on site depending on delays they would hope to start earlier in the season but have to rebuild the main line vale in East Kingston first. He noted the impact outside of the easement area is for the timber mat laydown and four 21-gallon frac tanks, about 32'x140.'

Ms. Murphy asked if there is an agreement for the town to sign off on. Mr. Chaput indicated he usually gets Conservation to sign off on it citing the original 1955 deed which allows maintenance. Mr. Koff asked if it was within the easement area and he noted it is a step outside the easement at 25 Powdermill Road. Mr. Koff expressed concerns with the condition of the group. Mr. Chaput noted wetland areas and explained why the upland option B works best for access. Ms. Murphy noted there was a wetland map but no parcel-by-parcel inventory and noted an area with beaver impoundment to the south which Mr. Chaput noted VHB was asked to look into.

Mr. Koff raised concerns with the mowing which takes place in October. Mr. Chaput noted mats would be over vegetation for five to six weeks and he will let them know the start and end dates.

MOTION: Chair Short motioned that the Conservation Commission has reviewed the proposal and finds that the work is in compliance with the terms of the conservation deed (as proposed). Mr. Whitehouse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

3. ESRLAC vacancies

Ms. Murphy noted there were two members and Mr. Clement was not renewing. She asked if anyone was interested to let her know.

4. Solid Waste Facility in Epping – Correspondence

Ms. Murphy noted the plans for expansion of the solid waste facility and correspondence between towns. Ms. Roy and Mr. Papakonstantis are preparing a letter to send the state before the deadline. The Epping Planning Board will determine if there is regional impact and if so would notify towns like any other abutter and there is opportunity for Exeter to encourage them to do that.

5. Committee Reports

a. Property Management

i. Raynes Farm

131 Mr. Whitehouse reported that Steven will be done in late May or early June. He recommended
132 hiring a regular carpenter to do the stairs. The estimated cost is \$4,500.

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134 b. Outreach Events

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136 i. Raynes Barn Full Moon Snowshoe Event Report

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138 Mr. Whitehouse reported the event went well and there were about 70 people, 50 with
139 snowshoes.

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141 ii. Art in the Barn Event Planning

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143 Ms. Crepeau noted the committee met and is looking at September 26th and October 17th. They
144 will meet again in March but no date has been set yet.

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146 iii. Rain Barrel Program – Distribution Date: April 18

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148 Ms. Murphy noted April 18th is distribution day. Mr. Whitehouse said he could help.

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150 c. Other Committee Reports (River Study, Sustainability, Energy, Tree, Roundtable)

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152 Ms. Crepeau noted that the Tree Committee is considering an Arbor Day.

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154 3. Approval of Minutes

155 December 9, 2025 Minutes

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157 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to approve the December 9, 2025 minutes. Mr. Madison seconded the
158 motion. A vote was taken, Mr. Mattera abstained, the motion passed 6-0-1.

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160 January 13, 2026 Minutes

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162 Mr. Whitehouse recommended an edit to line 123 Sinclair. Mr. Mattera noted he was present but listed
163 as not present.

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165 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to approve the January 13, 2026 minutes as amended. Mr. Madison
166 seconded the motion. A vote was taken, with one abstaining due to absence, the motion passed 6-0-1.

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168 4. Correspondence

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170 5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2026, Submission Deadline: February 27, 2026

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172 7. Adjournment

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174 ***Chair Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Mr. Koff seconded the motion. A vote was***
175 ***taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

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177 Respectfully submitted,

178 Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary
179 Via Exeter TV
180 Webinar ID: 82066428861

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

1 Exeter Conservation Commission

2 Site Walk

3 April 9, 2026

4 5:30 PM

5 Draft Minutes

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7 Attendees: Dave Short, Drew Koff, Kyle Welch, Conor Madison, Trevor Mattera, Sean Torrez, Clara
8 Torrez, Dan Chartrand, Jonathan Everet, Dan Longcope, Mike Mitchell, Ethan Fishbaugh.

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10 The conservation commission met at the Newfields Road Oaklands parking lot to review a proposed
11 Demoralizer BLT trails consolidation and realignment proposal. The trip concluded at 7 pm.

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13 Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner

Exeter Conservation Commission
Nowak Room
Town Hall
10 Front Street
April 14, 2026
7:00 PM
Draft Minutes

Call to Order

1. Introduction of Members Present (by Roll Call)

Present at tonight’s meeting were: Chair Dave Short, Vice-Chair Connor Madison, Trevor Mattera, Keith Whitehouse, Valorie Fangor, Alternates: Kyle Welch, Sean Torres, Michelle Crepeau, and Bill Campbell (electronically) and Select Board Representative Dan Chartrand.

Staff Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner

Chair Short called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the members and alternates introduced themselves

2. Public Comment

Keith Whitehouse talked about the Styrofoam recycling unit Exeter now has which is one of only two in the state. This unit will reduce volume of Styrofoam in the landfill by up to 90%. He noted Styrofoam takes five centuries to break down.

Action Items

1. Discussion of proposed new trail alignment in Oaklands Town Forest. Site walk was scheduled 4/9 at 5:30 PM.

Chair Short reported that he and Mr. Madison and Mr. Mattera were on the site walk last Thursday.

Dan Lonko of Fort Rock Riders stated that they walked “BLT” and are taking a look at consolidating two trails into one. They will have a trail day to get things going. The goal is to do the work this season before the snow falls.

Mike M. stated that there will be official temporary closure signs posted.

Toby Burdin noted the importance of communication.

43 Mr. Torres expressed concerns that some people won't be happy and there was a lot of work put into
44 the trail they are considering closing. There is one short cut someone keeps opening up. Maybe signs
45 would work.

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47 Mr. Whitehouse noted that working together with Fort Rock Riders will be beneficial. Mr. Chartrand
48 agreed.

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50 Ms. Fangor noted the reason for the closure is to protect wildlife. Mr. Welch stated that the habitat
51 map is very powerful and could be made available to people to look at. Mr. Torres noted that attitudes
52 are mixed about preserving the ecosystem. Mr. Torres noted it will have impact and asked if the
53 Commission is okay with that. Ms. Murphy recommended explaining the rest rotation cycle.

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55 Ms. Murphy noted that the project has been properly noticed.

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57 Mr. Welch asked about getting information out to the public on the website. Mr. Torres recommended
58 posting with other maps online and noted that providing a reason is better than seeming arbitrary.

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61 Chair Short noted there could be a newsletter item with FRR.

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63 Mr. Lonko stated they wish to honor and respect the hard work that went into these classic trails and
64 while there will be some pushback but it is only a couple hundred yards. The improved trail will be
65 better than the existing, so they are giving this to get that.

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67 Ms. Murphy asked about Conservation members walking the proposed trails. Mr. Lonko indicated they
68 have not. She recommended a member walk it. Chair Short and Mr. Whitehouse will walk it. Ms.
69 Murphy recommended GPS marking so that what they walk is what is designed in close proximity and o
70 get public feedback.

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72 Chair Short discussed #3 and asked if a section could be replaced by #3. Mr. Lonko noted it would cut
73 off another ¼ mile, so it is a big ask.

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75 Mr. Mattera recognized the amount of effort and thought out results and specific reasons. There is a
76 small amount of impact. The parcel is used for recreation, flood management, tree growth and
77 activities. If the specific use was for wildlife habitat they wouldn't allow any trails.

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79 Mr. Welch asked about the loss from the Rugg property and if that likely migration was factored in.

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81 Mr. Whitehouse asked that when the Rugg property gets developed would wildlife move to where they
82 are making new trails. Ms. Murphy noted it depends on the species. Mr. Whitehouse stated that Ms.
83 Murphy once told him that where there is a trail animals will pass through, but they will not live there.

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85 Chair Short asked to schedule the walk for #2 and #3. Ms. Murphy recommended an email poll. Mr.
86 Torres suggested two hours. Chair Short recommended a weekday with meeting after. The property is
87 flagged. Mr. Lonko indicated they need to get started before vegetation leaves out.

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89 MOTION: Mr. Madison motioned to approve the demo and BLT consolidation as reviewed last Thursday
90 on the site walk. Mr. Mattera seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion
91 passed unanimously.

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93 Mr. Chartrand recommended Tuesday with a weather date on Wednesday. Chair Short recommended
94 site walk on Tuesday with a meeting on Wednesday.

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96 5. Committee Reports

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98 a. Property Management

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100 i. Raynes Farm Seasonal Maintenance

101 i. bi-weekly mowing estimate - \$125 per cut mowing from May 1 – October 31

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103 Ms. Murphy noted the cost per cut is \$125, so \$1,750 for the season or less. The
104 appearance of the barn is hugely enhanced, and Mr. Whitehouse noted ticks are
105 mitigated.

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107 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to have All Natural Landscape do the cut at \$125/each
108 around Rayne’s Barn from the Conservation Land Administration line item. Mr. Madison
109 seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed
110 unanimously.

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112 ii. Portapotty rental

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114 Mr. Whitehouse recommended holding off as Stephen has a unit now until June. The
115 Commission should discuss a suitable location for a permanent spot that is accessible to
116 all. Ms. Murphy indicated an estimate from Pete for \$150 for an ADA accessible unit
117 which includes weekly cleaning.

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119 b. Outreach Events

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121 i. 4/25 Arbor Day Celebration @ Raynes for Liberty Elm (250th Event)

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123 Ms. Murphy noted the two Elm trees were planted today from the Library at the Knoll. The
124 event will begin at 11 AM. Mr. Whitehouse noted some cleaning and equipment moving need
125 to be done ahead.

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127 ii. Spring Tree Packing May 2 or 3

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129 Ms. Murphy asked for volunteers to help package up the trees given to the Lincoln Street School
130 students for about an hour. Mr. Whitehouse and Ms. Fangor volunteered to help on 5/2.

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132 iii. May 9th Alewife Festival

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134 Ms. Murphy noted she has reserved Founders Park as first choice and Town Hall for inclement
135 weather. Drew Koff has an enviroscape they can borrow. Mr. Mattera offered to help train
136 someone to use it in the morning.

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138 iv. May 16th Birch Tree Celebration

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140 Ms. Murphy noted the Tree Committee will be at Swasey Parkway on May 16th the day of the
141 Team Music and Art Festival.

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143 v. Standard permit application for the proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station,
144 ReSource Waste Services of Epping located at 270 Exeter Road in Epping, NH – Info Session
145 followed by public hearing 4/28 beginning at 5:30 PM

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147 Ms. Murphy noted there will be a public information session on April 28th at 5:30 PM. Chair
148 Short noted the location is 270 Exeter Road. They plan to expand the facility from just
149 construction debris to full-fledged transfer station. There are concerns with the river, drinking
150 water and Great Bay. Ms. Murphy is attending. She noted the river runs through conservation
151 land. There is a virtual option. Mr. Chartrand noted the Select Board is sending a letter.

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153 vi. Art in the Barn Event Planning 9/26 or 10/17

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155 Ms. Crepeau noted the event in the barn is 9/26 but not part of the 250th Committee. She
156 reached out to Arts & Culture and hasn't heard back. Mr. Mattera recommended reaching out
157 to Great Bay Stewards, who put on an event, for contacts.

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159 c. Other Committee Reports (River Study, Sustainability, Energy, Tree, CC Roundtable)

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161 Ms. Murphy noted the Rain Barrel distribution is this weekend. Ms. Murphy will attend. She
162 noted only ten were sold.

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164 Mr. Whitehouse noted the Styrofoam container will be online soon.

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166 Ms. Murphy noted the Energy Committee held a power hour to talk about heat pumps and next
167 will do how to read energy bills.

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169 Ms. Murphy noted the Tree Committee received a growth award.

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171 Ms. Murphy reported the McDonald Conservation Area gate is being operated thanks to
172 Michelle, Tammy, Bill, Diane and Bruce.

173 Ms. Murphy questioned asking for \$50,000 this year at Town Meeting. The Commission
174 discussed other funding mechanisms such as the current use taxation penalty which other
175 commissions are funded by. Someone could come in and talk about it. Mr. Mattera asked
176 where the current use penalty funds go now and Mr. Chartrand indicated the general fund.
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178 MOTION: Mr. Madison motioned to request \$50,000 for the Conservation Fund annually for the
179 2027 budget. Mr. Whitehouse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the
180 motion passed unanimously.
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182 Ms. Murphy noted that a sustainability certification process has been launched and two local
183 businesses have enrolled.
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185 4. Notice of Proposal for Barn in Easement – Bunker/Barker Conservation Easement 186

187 Ms. Murphy noted that she has been notified the owner is putting up a pole barn which is allowed in the
188 easement without approval from the commission.
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190 5. Election of Officers 191

192 MOTION: Mr. Madison motioned to nominate Dave Short as Chair. Ms. Crepeau seconded the motion.
193 A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.
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195 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to nominate Connor Madison as Vice-Chair. Mr. Mattera seconded the
196 motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.
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198 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to nominate Drew Koff as Treasurer and Clerk. Mr. Whitehouse
199 seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.
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201 6. Correspondence 202

203 7. Next Meeting: 5/12/26, Submission Deadline: 5/1/26 204 205

206 8. Adjournment

207 ***Chair Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Mr. Mattera seconded the motion. A vote***
208 ***was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

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210 Respectfully submitted,

211 Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary

212 Via Exeter TV

213 Webinar ID: 869 7603 5641

1 Exeter Conservation Commission

2 Site Walk

3 April 21, 2026

4 5:00 PM

5 Draft Minutes

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7 Attendees: Dave Short, Dan Longcope, Mike Mitchell, Toby Ferdyn, Dan Longcope, Ryan Fishbaugh..

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9 The conservation commission held a site walk beginning at the Captains Meadow intersection with the
10 powerline to walk two new proposed trail alignments in Oaklands town forest. The trails would create
11 easier connections between the tunnel and the trails north of the powerlines trails and the Newfields
12 Road parking lot and the trails north of the powerlines. The trip concluded at 6 pm.

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14 Dave Short, Chair

1 Exeter Conservation Commission
2 Nowak Room
3 Town Hall
4 10 Front Street
5 April 22, 2026
6 5:30 PM
7 Draft Minutes
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9 **Call to Order**

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11 1. Introduction of Members Present (by Roll Call)

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13 Present at tonight’s meeting were: Chair Drew Koff, Kyle Welch, Keith Whitehouse, Dave Short
14 and Select Board Representative Dan Chartrand.

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16 Chair Short called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and the members introduced themselves.

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18 Also present: Dan Longcope, representing the Fort Rock Trail Improvement group

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20 Chair Short gave a brief overview for the purpose of the special meeting. The Fort Rock group has been
21 working in conjunction with the Conservation Commission to develop a plan to improve and rest various
22 existing trails, as well as constructing some new connecting trails to ease the pressure on several heavily
23 used sections. They were there seeking the approval to begin the work on three specific areas as
24 mapped out.

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26 **After some discussion Dave made a motion to approve the work on trails 1, 2 and 3 with the work to**
27 **start first on trail 1 and the beginning of the middle trail. Kyle seconded and it passed unanimously.**

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29 **2. Adjournment**

30 ***Chair Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM.***

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32 Respectfully submitted,

33 Dave Short,
34 Chairman