

Sharon Conservation Commission

Sept. 23, 2025 Minutes

On Tuesday Sept. 23, 2025, a regular meeting of the Sharon Conservation Commission was held at the Sharon Meeting House on Route 123 in Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Anne Fischer, Megan Cahill, with Anne Booth calling in.

Minutes

The August minutes were approved with a change in the spelling of John Egan's last name. The website has been updated with minutes from January to July.

Financial

Fund balances as of 8/29/2025:

Town Forest Fund	Interest	\$66.42	Balance	\$76,211.75
Conservation Fund	Interest	\$ 122.21	Balance	\$140,215.59

Conservation Easements

Anne F. brought up contacting Joanne Fields about interest in putting easement on Robert P. Bass Town Forest (Joanne's grandfather). Said she should know, since she gave the land. Who will contact?

To do--Beth will write to trustee of Bonsal property (Map 7, Lot 8 -125 acres and Map 3, Lot 46 – 46 acres) about our interest.

Moose Plate Grant:

Tabled until 2026. When it comes time to apply for grants, Anne F. knows of an additional source.

Town Forest

Anne F. contacted NEFF, SPNHF and Harris Center about easement. Sharon is not in Harris Center region. NEFF and SPNHF are interested. SPNHF laid out cost estimates, which total about \$85K. SPNHF noted that we are in the Quabbin to Cardigan Corridor, however, there are no longer grant funds. Megan Suggested asking Anne McBride at Monadnock Conservancy if other towns have put a town forest into easement. Also about whether we should consider having a survey done now and for names of three surveyors.

To do—look up Clark Road. On deed in registry and on town maps (Who will do this?). Meet with Select Board to discuss how the deeds do not adequately protect the Town Forest (per Paul's comments). Select a date at October meeting.

Moosewood report

To do—Put printed Moosewood report in archives and pdf on website. Anne B. will contact Karen Dufresne about presentation with Sharing in Sharon committee.

Trail Work

Sandy will mow Sullivan Loop to trailhead. Big Tree needs chainsaw work. Matthews is in good shape, except for bridge. Ken has some materials for reconstructing the bridge but asked us to look into wood preservative for boards. Anne F. reported that the Meadowbrook arrow sign is completely gone—Ken said it would have taken some work to remove it. Ken installed the new orange signs on all gates but Street Street, which he will do in Nov.

Beavers

Anne Booth contacted Mike Callahan's company, Beaver Solutions LLC, which John Egan is now running. He told her that in order to get the beaver device serviced, we needed to re-up the agreement (for a fee). We signed the initial contract in December of 2023, and should have had service included in the following 12-month period, yet they claim that it is within a calendar year and not a 12-month period. The device needed to be cleaned in 2024, and Anne had sent Mike photos of the debris accumulating. Now the debris has created a dam, causing the fencing on the device to bend, allowing water to flow over. Anne B. is going to call John back and explain that that would have given us one month of service, that they knew of our need for service within a 12-month period and now the device is not functioning properly.

To do—Contact Egan again to discuss misleading wording in contract. (Who can do this?)

NH Association of Cons Coms

The annual meeting takes place Nov. 1 in Pembroke. We'd like someone from the ConsCom to attend (Anne F. cannot). The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the NHACC website in October. Keynote is by Ethan Tapper, forester and author of *How to Love a Forest: The bittersweet work of tending a changing world*. Beth Anne Booth and Megan are interested in attending (Anne B. will need a ride.)

Other

Anne F. would like to return the Garmin GPS to be stored at the Meetinghouse but needs to know where it should be stored.

**Next regular meeting will be held at the Sharon Meeting House
Route 123 Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday October 28, 2025.**