

Sharon Conservation Commission

January 27, 2026 Minutes

On Tuesday Jan. 27, 2026, 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, Belinda Backstrom, Anne Booth. Marjorie Margolis, Robert Hauser and Lee Backstrom were also in attendance.

Minutes

The December minutes were approved with change to the date of the next meeting.

Financial

NHACC has been paid for the year.

Cons Com Fund Balances as of 12/31/2025:

Conservation Fund	Interest \$118.78	Balance	\$140,678.66
Town Forest Fund	Interest \$ 63.02	Balance	\$ 74,632.42

Conservation Easements

Beth wrote to trustee of Bonsal property (Map 7, Lot 8 -125 acres and Map 3, Lot 46 – 46 acres) about our interest in purchasing the property or helping put a CE on it.

Swamp Road

Anne F. shared Beth's email summary about ZBA meeting as well as suggestions from Barbara Richter. There was some discussion of a conservation development ordinance, suggested by Richter (see handout on limiting development). The question came up about whether to pursue an ordinance that includes conservation (cluster) development.

Discussed ways of helping the Planning Board and ZBA with decisions about Swamp Road. We are in communication with Brian Hotz, but Marjorie recommends speaking with Wendy Weisinger, Managing Forester wweisinger@forestsociety.org about protecting SPNHF land.

Anne F. shared letter from NH Heritage Foundation that basically said "ask SPNHF". Megan presented the Granit maps, which shows limited wetlands but steep slopes. The land itself is Tier 3 conservation land but right across the street is Tier 1 for wildlife.

There was discussion of endangered amphibians that migrate short distances and the possibility of have a salamander count (evenings in late March, early April). Also noted was Jeff Littleton's comment about Blandings Turtle as vernal pools likely on that property. ConsCom or SPNHF could advise planning board on what happens ecologically when vernal pools are disturbed.

Discussed damage to surrounding area if road work is done. Road widening, detritus coming from trucks.

Belinda suggested having SPNHF present to planning board about amphibians, reptiles, etc. that are endangered and the impact of truck impact/road construction. Will SPNHF land be made useless ecologically?

Town Forest

The ConsCom reviewed Belinda's poster on the Moosewood presentation March 31, 6 p.m. She will share an updated draft, then have 12 or so printed. One will be framed and sit on desk at Town Clerk window. It should be there the full month of Feb and March, with other posters hung throughout the building, on town website (social media?).

Quiz on Town Forest. Belinda and Anne F. shared questions. The plan is to have an easy and hard test—12 to 15 questions on each. Quizzes will be available at town meeting and people will bring them to presentation. Answers will be read after presentation and there will be some sort of prize for those with the most correct. Robert suggested a pair of binoculars.

Belinda suggested that the ConsCom have a table at Town Meeting where we can have presentation posters, the quiz and someone answering questions.

Surveying

Anne B. and Anne F. met with Dennis McKenney, New England Forestry and we're awaiting that proposal. Huntley estimate is in. Fieldstone asked a lot of questions, which Megan suggested we refer to Monadnock Conservancy. Each surveyor should know exactly what we're looking for.

Other

Megan has not heard back from Antioch student about attending meeting to discuss fire in town forest.

**Next regular meeting will be held at the Sharon Meeting House
Route 123 Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 24, 2026.**