

Sharon Conservation Commission

April 28, 2026 Minutes

On Tuesday, April 28, 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 Booth, Megan Cahill, Anne Fischer and Beth Fernald.

Meeting summary: The Sharon ConsCom is dealing with several issues: protecting large parcels of land in town, proposed excavation and development on Swamp Road, potential violations at Harris Sand pit, decision on whether to pursue CE on Town Forest, question about need for survey if we don't pursue CE on Town Forest, recommendation that we have a Forest Management Plan developed. The ConsCom determined that our priorities should be advising Planning/Zoning boards on Conservation Districts/Conservation Subdivisions and seeking proposals on Town Forest Management Plan.

Minutes

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

Financial

Fund balances as of 2/27/26

Town Forest Fund	Interest \$57.02	Balance: \$74,754.54
Conservation Fund	Interest \$107.47	Balance \$140,908.85

The funds are now getting 2.5% interest

Conservation Easements

Several large pieces of property may be coming on the market soon.

***Conservation District; Conservation Subdivision:**

Ask Barbara for models ordinances. Look for what would work for Sharon.

Swamp Road

Discussed petition to designate Swamp Road a Scenic Road. If implemented, planning board can assign regulations. Limits tree cutting, stonewall removal. Requires town vote—special town meeting could be called for it.

Anne F. will ask Brian Hotz if Moosewood did an inventory. Are there heritage trees?

Class VI vs V: have to compensate landowners. Beth said it wouldn't gain us anything.

Harris Sand Pit

Anne B. called DES but hasn't heard back. Selectboard has been unclear about the status. Harris purportedly submitted an alteration of terrain permit. Selectboard May 7 at 5:30. Special selectboard meeting about changes to subdivision rules, May 12 at 6 p.m.

Town Forest

Moosewood presentation was excellent, although only four Sharon residents attended other than those who were asked to bring refreshments. The presentation will be posted on the Sharon website. Anne F. proposed a "ConsCom kiosk" in waiting area and will

talk to Lynne about space and furniture to display Cons Com/Town Forest material. Bulletin board?

*Forest Management Plan. Moosewood was advocating managing invasives. Anne F. will ask Mike Gagnon about getting a Forest Management Plan done—what should qualifications be? Ask Swift and two others for proposals.

Surveys

Joy will attend our June ConsCom meeting and we'll talk to her about benefits/ROI.

Other

Megan noted that the Cheshire County Conservation District is very active with events, mailings, etc. and questioned if the Hillsborough County Conservation District is as active. She'll look into it for signs of life.

Future topics (added after meeting)

Sharon ConsCom could also be looking at monetizing carbon capture in Town Forest and determining if Hemlocks have wooly adelgid again this year, and if there's anything that we should do about trees in Town Forest.

*Priorities

**Next regular meeting will be held at the Sharon Meeting House
Route 123 Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 26, 2026.**