



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2026
7:30 PM - Town Hall-ENFIELD ROOM
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: William Paul Cote, KAREN LAPLANTE, Michael Dynia, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Dean Syed, Nancy Wyzga, Megan Kelley

Absent: Kathleen Vose, Jeremy Dugas

Also Present: Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Kelley was seated as a voting member.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 10, 2026

MOTION by: KAREN LAPLANTE **seconded:** Nancy Wyzga to approve the March 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Cote, Karen LaPlante, Michael Dynia, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Dean Syed, Nancy Wyzga, Megan Kelley No: None Abstain: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner Kelley shared that she attended the Connecticut Land Conservation Conference in March and shared information she learned about tracking natural resources. There are maps available for review at the State's DEEP GIS website. She shared information she learned regarding micro-forests. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall attended the Community Conversation along with Commissioner LaPlante, and she asked about the replacement of the kiosk at the boat launch. Commissioner Cote stated that he has been in contact with Aaron Marcavitch, Director of Economic Development, who stated that he is working on a grant for improvements throughout the entire area. Commissioner Dynia

shared comments related to the condition of the boat launch. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that she had a conversation with Mayor Cekala regarding purchasing open space. Commissioner Wyzga spoke about the Garden Club's role in maintaining landscaping along intersections throughout town. Commissioner Kelley stated that rain gardens should be implemented in all new site plan approvals.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that the Economic Development Commission is awaiting Town Council approval for Restaurant Week. The Commission is now working on gathering a list of businesses to invite to participate in the Small Business Passport Program. She is working with Commissioner Dugas to have a list of businesses for review at the next meeting. The Scantic River Watershed Association held their annual Spring Splash race. The event was successful despite the cold temperatures. He thanked Commissioners for volunteering their time and Bill's Landscaping for tree removal and other assistance. There will be an Earth Day hike on April 26, 2026. Commissioner LaPlante stated that the Hazardous Waste Disposal Day was very successful. The Garden Club will have their annual plant sale on May 2, 2026 at the Senior Center. The Enfield Community Cupboard will have a clothing swap on April 25, 2026 on Trevor Drive.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ECC Goals

- Create a list of potential or valued open space parcels and establish a process for submitting open space parcels to Town Council for consideration and purchase
- Search for and submit a grant request for natural resources
- Creating a trail map
- Identify vernal pools

Chair Cote stated that the subcommittee has been working on the list of natural resources. He worked on the Table of Contents and circulated that to the Commissioners for review. Commissioner LaPlante recommended making each map full-sized to allow for full review. She also shared comments related to font size and numbering sections.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Dynia had a question related to a public hearing sign he saw on Weymouth Road. It was determined that this sign was for an IWWA public hearing for the construction of a new home and driveway that was held on April 7, 2026.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall **seconded:** Megan Kelley to enter into executive session to discuss real estate matters.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Cote, Karen LaPlante, Michael Dynia, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Dean Syed, Nancy Wyzga, Megan Kelley No: None Abstain: None.

Executive session began at 8:30pm and ended at 8:52pm. No votes were taken, and no decisions were made.

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. May 12, 2026

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Nancy Wyzga, seconded: Michael Dynia to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary