

Meeting Minutes: March 31, 2025
Meeting held in person at the Niles Room in the Town Offices

Present-in-person: Commission Members: Bob Hedges (Chair), Ted Cooley (Vice Chair), Harry Pease, Chris Gothberg. Alternates: Emily Bryant, and John Miller. Representing the Selectboard: Kevin Follensbee. Adair Mulligan was also in attendance.

Meeting called to order 7:01 PM.

Emily Bryant and John Miller were seated.

- 1. Approval of funding for building the Information Kiosk for the Lower Baker Pond beach/boat landing:** An Information Kiosk is to be installed at Lower Baker Pond for boating, fishing, swimming, birding, invasives, and water quality information. Harry has graciously volunteered to build the kiosk. Chris has volunteered to help install it (with additional “helping hands” from his family). *Motion* (John/Ted) to fund up to \$125 for materials for the kiosk. Motion passed.
- 2. Future High Bridge Road bridge and trail project:** Kevin reported the Selectboard’s “OK” for the Conservation Commission taking on the High Bridge Road project. A formal report-out/recommendation is due to the Selectman prior to the March 2026 Town Meeting. The Conservation Commission will set up a working group to pursue the project.
- 3. Progress report on our Social Media efforts:** Chris reported on the great progress being made to strengthen the Conservation Commission’s social media presence. Our Facebook followers have increased from 121 to 132. We now have 11 followers on Instagram. The quality of the photography is getting high marks and many compliments. We can now more aggressively start to spread the word. Great photography and social media work is being done by Chris.
- 4. Closed session:** *Motion* (John/Henry) to go into closed session at 7:17 PM. Closed discussions ran for approximately 40 minutes. *Motion* (Harry/John) to leave closed session and return to public session. The closed session closed at 8:06 PM.
- 5. Adjourn:** *Motion:* (John/Harry) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes taken by Emily Bryant/Bob Hedges.