

**Town of Chester  
Conservation Commission  
March 13, 2023  
6:00 PM  
Approved Minutes**

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**Members present:**

Chairman Victor Chouinard  
Kristina Snyder  
Deb Munson  
Ted Broadwater  
Nick Tranquillo  
Selectman Chuck Myette, Liaison

**Members absent:**

Rick Sibley  
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale  
Eric McGowan, Alternate

**Guests present:**

Chris Hadik, Chairman Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission  
Steven Lamonde, Moosewood Ecological Services  
Jeff Littleton, Moosewood Ecological Services (via phone)  
Chester PACT

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Chouinard called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**II. New Business**

**A. Wason Pond – approval for beach replenishment**

Chris Hadik, chairman of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission, presented a request seeking approval from the Conservation Commission to bring in 10 yards of sand for the Wason Pond public beach.

**B. Moosewood Ecological discussion (in person and via phone)**

Steven Lamonde (in person) and Jeff Littleton (via phone) of Moosewood Ecological Services described their species tracking proposal and explained the cost structure. Ms. Snyder took an action item to look for outside funding for the tracking.

**C. NHACC / UNH Coop Extension Activities**

Ms. Snyder and Ms. Munson described the work they have been doing with NHACC and UNH Cooperative Extension.

**D. Warrant Articles / Town Meeting**

Chairman Chouinard mentioned the Warrant Articles that he would be presenting at the Town Meeting and invited other Commission members to speak, if they wished.

**E. Public Outreach update**

Ms. Snyder described her recent public outreach efforts involving the PTA. The Commission members agreed this was important and a very good educational opportunity to get young children and parents interested in nature and conservation.

**III. Regular Business**

**A. Review Minutes – February 14, 2023 and February 27, 2023**

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting as written. A vote was taken, all were in favor except Mr. Broadwater, who abstained. The motion passed 5-0-1.*

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023 meeting as written. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed 6-0-0.*

**B. Subcommittee reports**

**1. Treasurer's Report**

Chairman Chouinard offered the Treasurer's Report for February, in Ms. Neff Ragsdale's absence:

*Regular Conservation account:*

\$ 658.13 starting balance  
8.10 printing costs  
649.73 ending balance (54.14% of budget remains)

*Savings account:*

\$ 89,403.16 starting balance  
212.63 interest  
89,615.79 ending balance

*Conservation Forestry account:*

\$ 1,478.82 starting balance

3.39 interest  
\$ 1,482.21 ending balance

*Lincoln Lane account:*

\$ 388.64 starting balance  
0.89 interest  
\$ 389.53 ending balance

*Emerson Conservation Easement:*

\$ 287.21 starting balance  
00.66 interest  
\$ 287.87 ending balance

*Conservation Forestry CD: (jumbo CD earning 3.75%)*

\$ 40,346.19 starting balance  
116.06 interest  
\$ 40,362.25 ending balance

*Regular Conservation account CD: (jumbo CD earning 3.75%)*

\$ 554,760.09 starting balance  
1,595.88 interest  
\$ 556,355.97 ending balance

*Emerson Conservation Easement CD: (CD earning 3.75%)*

\$ 10,086.55 starting balance  
29.01 interest  
\$ 10,115.56 ending balance

***Mr. Broadwater moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by  
Chairman Chouinard. Mr. Tranquillo the motion. A vote was taken, all were in  
favor. The motion passed unanimously.***

**2. Spring Hill Farm**

Ms. Snyder reported the Winter Carnival was a success. The Spring Hill Farm  
Advisory Committee meeting has not yet taken place this month, so there is no  
further report.

**3. Wason Pond Conservation Area**

Ms. Snyder reported on the activities of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation  
Commission.

Chairman Chouinard reported on the Ash Street bridge project cost and design,  
emphasizing cost has taken priority over aesthetics.

Mr. Tranquillo reported that the Board of Selectmen asked what would be done with  
the invasive plants that would be cut down by the Rockingham County Conservation

District (RCCD). He responded that RCCD said that by law, they had to be left onsite.

**4. Easements, Monitoring, and Stewardship**

Mr. Tranquillo reported on the status of his work on easements.

**5. Strategic Land Protection**

Chairman Chouinard had nothing to report.

**IV. Next meeting: March 13, 2023**

**V. Adjourn**

*Mr. Tranquillo moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary