

Tunbridge Conservation Commission
March 5, 2026 @ Tunbridge Library, 6:00 pm
Minutes

Members present: Cheryl Metcalf, Eliza Minnucci, Peter Hayden, Stewart Fisher, Linda Clark, Tess Mix, Mali'o Kodis, Bryan Kalleberg, Evan Reiss

Public Present: Grey Barreda

- ❖ Called to Order: 6:05 pm
- ❖ February minutes approved unammended
- ❖ Reflection on last meeting successes

- ❖ Winter Evenings
 - March 20 - Dave Wilcox Watershed Forester
 - AV-TM
 - Desserts-EM, SF
 - Set-up-EM, SF
 - MC-EM
 - May 1st Owls with VINS

- ❖ Piano Concert for Conservation

- ❖ LC following up on plans

- ❖ Ongoing Business
 - Mission Statement Work
 - Final Review
 - Motion to accept by PH, seconded by ER:
 - **Mission** (what we do day-to-day): *The Tunbridge Conservation Commission works to celebrate, preserve, and protect the Tunbridge community's natural resources for current and future generations.* Approved by the Commission, in full attendance
 - **Vision (what we envision as our ideal and how we get there):**
 - ◆ Proposed: *The Tunbridge Conservation Commission engages and empowers residents through education, partnership, and facilitation of hands-on conservation projects, community events, and a community-wide commitment to responsible stewardship.*
 - ◆ Review Vision Statement versions for April meeting.

- ❖ Invasives Work
 - Species focus and annual multi-species education day
 - Discussion about roadside mowing - need to gather information
 - listening session to understand if chervil is an issue, where it is chervil, how does mowing contracting work, where is the decision-making centered for state route and local roads, what levers can the TCC pull on to decrease chervil in Tunbridge
 - connection with Green Up Day

- Invasives Committee to form
 - Roadside Mowing Lead - TM
 - w/Linda Clark
 - Fall Educational Day - PH
 - Specific Species Day - SF

- ❖ New Business
 - AVCC Tiny Grants
 - Potential for partnership with Trails Committee

- ❖ Spring Schedule
 - March 20 - Winter Evening with Dave Wilcox, Watershed Forester
 - March 31 - End "Winter Bird Survey" Continue for the rest of 2026
 - Mid to End of April - Merlin and eBird Workshop
 - May 1 - VINS Owl Night
 - May 2 - Green Up Day
 - May 8 - Bird Walk - location TBD
 - Spring Ephemeral Self-Guided Walk - CM

- ❖ Spring TQ
 - Birds Report, Winter Evenings, Spring Schedule, Invasives - Wild Chervil,

- ❖ Announcements
 - AVCC correspondence to attend to
 - Discussion about building more redundancy in systems to help each other with tasks
 - Officer elections at April Meeting - bring role descriptions

- ❖ Wildlife Sightings

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

***Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2026 @ Tunbridge Public Library beginning at 6:00pm**