

**Mount Holly Conservation Commission**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**November 11, 2024**

The November meeting of the  
5:04 pm by Phil Crane in the Community Room below the library.

Phil Crane, Jeanmarie Fitzgerald, Phil Leonard, Dave Martin, Megan Litwhiler, and prospective member Alexandra Yuster..

**and of Minutes**

Both the meeting agenda and the minutes from the October meeting were approved without dissent.

After general discussion, a motion (moved by Phil C. and seconded by Phil L.) was adopted to have the following officers for the coming year:

Phil Crane, Chair; Dave Martin, Vice Chair; Phil Leonard, Scribe; Megan Litwhiler, Treasurer

We decided that, despite the resignation of Jim Corven, the Commission would be willing to be helpful in promoting the Biodiversity project.

Alexandra said she would attend the next Select Board meeting to seek appointment to the Commission.

We discussed the Recreation Committee. No formal “appointments” have been made. Dennis Dever3eux has indicated an interest in taking part in terms of hikes and outings. A regular meeting day (Third Tuesday of each month?), time and place should be established.

Phil C. spoke briefly about his draft for an annual report to be conveyed in December to the Select Board and included as part of the Town Report for 2024. It will summarize activities and aspirations of the Conservation Commission. For technical reasons, printed copies were not available. A brief bulleted summary will be proposed for inclusion in the ChitChat. Phil indicated that he needs to add updates about bottom barriers and the Zapata Courage input on Star Lake planning.

**Other and New Business**

Conversation continued on a number of topics. These included Star Lake planning, investigating wetlands grants and the possibility of a boardwalk, mapping Class 4 roads in Mount Holly, comparing our interests with the Town Plan, invasive plants and the possibility of mowing remedies for the same along town highways.

### **Action Items**

- Phil C. to summarize Annual Report for ChitChat.
- Jeanmarie to contact Brigid about final Arrowwood report on Star Lake.
- Phil L. to formulate sketch of a Star Lake recreation plan. Include public safety aspect regarding need to maintain utility of dry hydrants.
- Dave or Phil C. to plan for future Recreation Committee meetings.

The MHCC will next meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at the **new time** of 5:30 pm. Agenda will be provided in advance.

Phil C. declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Phil Leonard, Scribe.