

Mount Holly Conservation Commission

Meeting of September 2, 2025

Minutes

Opening

The September meeting of the Mount Holly Conservation Commission was held at the Town Office and by ZOOM on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Phil Crane called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Members attending in person were Phil Crane, Jeanmarie Fitzgerald, Peter Smith, Birgir Nilsen, Alex Yuster, Phil Leonard, Sue Presson and Dave Martin.

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda document was approved, as were draft minutes from the August 5 meeting.

Discussion of Agenda items

Phil C. proposed that terms of MHCC members be changed to 3 years (from 4 as in the 2022 Bylaws). This action can be taken at our next meeting. A slate of officers for the coming year (P. Crane, chair; B. Nilsen, vice chair; P. Leonard, scribe; D. Martin, treasurer) was assembled and passed by acclamation.

Dave gave a Recreation Committee update including discussion about the Shunpike trails.

We discussed having a Cider Days presence, possibly in conjunction with Peter's display at the Conservation Trust table. Peter, Jeanmarie, Alex and Sue will be a subcommittee for this, and Phil L. will check with Robert M. about his second-generation harvester.

We discussed the Star Lake park. Phil C. spoke about the trees, and said he hopes to present a Plan for the October Selectboard meeting. Also mentioned were use of SurePack for an accessible walkway, inventorying boats stored in the park, a possible volleyball court and fire pit, and fleshing out a plan for planting based on the Belmont Village Plan.

Action Items

- Jeanmarie to contact Jon McCann and pursue planting ideas in Belmont Village Plan.
- Phil C. to prepare a report regarding tree work in the Park.
- Peter, Jeanmarie, Alex, Phil L. and Sue to prepare for Cider Days presence.
- Dave to look into treasurer duties and continue organizing trail development.
- Phil L. to look into logistics of offering pond weed harvests as compost.
- Alex to investigate status of invasive plants in Mount Holly.

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 7**, at 6 pm in the Town Office.

Adjournment occurred at 7:14 pm. Minutes prepared and submitted by Phil Leonard, Clerk