



Town of Stowe Conservation Commission Monday May 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on Monday May 12, 2025, at 5:30 pm. The meeting was held at Cady Hill Forest. Commission members in attendance: Catherine Gott, Walter Frame, Phil Branton, Evan Freund, and Seb Sweatman. Staff in attendance: Sarah McShane. Student representatives in attendance: Sophia Brasse.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair C.Gott at approximately 5:30 PM.

Public Comments & Adjustments to the Agenda. None

Annual Election of Officers. On a motion by W.Frame, seconded by E.Freund, C.Gott was re-elected as Chair, and P.Branton re-elected as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Meeting Minutes [04/28/2025]. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Moscow Rec Field- Proposed Playground. Staff member S. McShane explained that she did not have an update and will share any new information she receives.

Discuss STP Annual Maintenance Plan. K.Brunner and Nels ____ of Stowe Trails Partnership (STP) provided a brief overview of anticipated trail maintenance projects in Cady Hill and Sterling Forest. Members discussed and asked questions.

Conduct Cady Hill Forest Site Visit- Review Proposed Trails. Members conducted a site visit of a proposed new trail in Cady Hill called 'Baby Bears'. Members walked the flagged trail corridor with STP. Staff will add follow-up discussion on a future agenda for the Commission to develop their formal recommendation.

General Reports & Updates

Other Business – Mayo Farm Ag Lease & Green Up Day Follow-Up C.Gott provided updates on the Mayo Farm Ag Lease discussion with the Selectboard and results of Green Up Day. E.Freund asked whether the Commission would like to discuss a potential noise ordinance, the Commission suggested Ms. Atkins attend a future meeting and speak under 'public comments'.

Next Meeting Date- 6/9/2025 -Shutesville Hill Presentation at Waterbury Grange.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McShane