

Danville Conservation Commission September Minutes

September 8, 2025 - 7PM

DCC Members in Attendance: Vange Morse (Chair), Greg Prior

Public in Attendance: None

Meeting Open 7:00pm

1. Changes to the Agenda

None

2. Review and accept minutes from the August Conservation Commission meeting

No minutes for the August meeting, August activity was Danville Fair parade preparation.

3. Nominate a new Secretary

There was not a quorum in attendance to allow a vote. Greg Prior was tasked with the interim secretary role.

4. Joe's Pond Eurasian Milfoil

Joe's Pond Association (JPA) is leading the multiple town effort to address an invasive aquatic weed outbreak in Danville's Joe's Pond. The JPA's website (links below) provide a detailed summary of the effort, including up to date meeting minutes and current status.

<https://www.joespondvermont.com/>

<https://www.joespondvermont.com/milfoil-in-joes-pond.html>

The town of Danville has provided financial support, and the Danville Conservation Commission continues to support the effort.

5. Association of VT Conservation Commissions (AVCC)

The Danville Conservation Commission has been invited to AVCC's Saturday October 11, 2025 (9am-2pm) peer-to-peer networking event at the Hardwick, VT Memorial Building. Vange Morse has reached out to AVCC's Alex Connizzo to state interest in attending and the commission will identify Danville representative availability.

6. Rodger's Lot – Town Forest Trail & Parking Lot Gather

An event to evaluate the status of the new trail system and trailhead parking lot at Rodger's Lot town forest was set for Wednesday September 17, 2025 (6pm). Trail condition, kiosk condition, parking lot downed trees, and general onsite status all of interest. Feedback from regular trail user(s) will be collected prior to the event.

7. Danville Town Quarterly Newspaper

The Commission looks forward to engaging with this quarterly newsletter. The contribution deadline for the current quarter passed August 20th. Progress on the town forests management plans was mentioned as possible quality content.

8. Magnolia Tree – David Wood Memorial Planting on Town Property

A tree in memory of David Wood has been granted support from the Conservation Commission, signed off on by the Tree Warden, approved by the Selectboard and a location identified in the Hill Street Park. Transplant into the location is immediately pending. Greg Prior has volunteered to help with transplant.

Conversation was held regarding mower and string trimmer tree bark damage in town parks and properties. Evaluation of the lawn mowing bid language concerning tree bark best practices by mowing vendors was identified as likely valuable.

9. Conservation Commission Facebook Status

Current state of Conservation Facebook Page efforts was briefly evaluated. 2025 has seen an effort to address content, timeliness of posts, stats on Likes/Visits/Follows, etc. Approval and support to continue current level of effort was extended. Matsinger and Fairbanks Museum content was identified as particularly value added.

10. DCC Office Space and Files – Cleanup

This warned agenda item was pushed to a later date to allow broader commission membership input.

11. Town Forests Management Plans – 10 Year Refresh

The Danville Town Forest management plans are due their regularly scheduled updates, per below the efforts are active and moving forward.

Email from County Forester (AJ)- *Hello Danville CC, Just wanted to give you all a quick update on how things are going with updating the plans for Rodgers Hill and Pumkin Hill. I completed the inventory for Pumpkin Hill and have half the stand description written. Attached is the forest manage map I created. I should the rest of the stand description written soonish. Late summer early fall is always a busytime for me, but I hope to have these written by mid-September. Rodgers Hill is being inventoried right now. I have our seasonal forester working on this inventory. It's a great project for her to tackle. I'll get going on the stand description written when she is done. Probably sometime in the fall. Maybe I can attend a meeting in October to go over my finding and talk about next steps. Hope you are enjoying summer! - AJ*

Meeting Closed 8:30pm

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 7:00pm