

Danville Conservation Commission October Minutes

October 6, 2025 - 7PM

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

Public in Attendance: None

Meeting Open 7:30pm - Delay due to Town Hall Parking Lot meeting engagement.

1. Changes to the Agenda

None

2. Review and accept minutes from the September 2025 meeting

There was not a quorum in attendance, no formal meeting minute approved.

3. Public Comment – Beginning Meet

None

4. Nominate a new Secretary

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

5. Joe's Pond Eurasian Milfoil

The Town of Danville provided \$5,000.00 financial support to address the milfoil invasion of Joe's Pond in 2025 through a Selectboard expenditure. There are conversations that \$10,000.00 will be requested from Danville taxpayers in 2026. The Danville Conservation Commission recognizes the importance of the topic and continues to support the effort(s) with effort and expertise. Joe Oliver related a recent experience in a milfoil choked Vermont body of water during the meeting.

Joe's Pond Association (JPA) is leading the multiple town effort to address the aquatic invasive weed outbreak. 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>

6. Association of VT Conservation Commissions (AVCC) - Hardwick Oct 11th

Greg Prior will be attending this event to represent Danville; Jo Oliver is interested as well.

7. Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District (CCNRCD)

Emily Fanigan extended an invitation to the Danville's Conservation Commission for a community dinner on November 12th. The primary purpose is to share information regarding a small regional funding pool, the gather is an attempt to offer regional organizations feedback options on the spending. Local watersheds conversations will be held as well.

8. 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 held Wednesday September 17, 2025 (6pm). Trail condition, kiosk condition, parking lot downed trees, and general onsite status were evaluated – attendance was reasonable and valuable. Minimal trail work was required, trail recommendations were gathered and Vange voluntarily cleared the parking lot trash barrels at the end of the evening.

- Rodgers Lot Event posts and follow-up summary posts of the event were not approved for the Danville VT Community FB Site. Short conversations were held regarding the value of the 3.5K user community and possible reasons why the posts were not accepted by the Administrator of the private site.

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

It was mentioned that this planting appears to be seasonally transitioning fine. The “mower strike / trimmer strike” topic that was identified with town/park trees will be moved to old business moving forward.

10. Town Forests Management Plans – 10 Year Refresh

The Caledonia County Forester could not attend this October meeting, and the topic was tabled until the November meeting.

11. Rules of Procedure & Membership Recruitment

QUORUM - The definition of a quorum was debated. It was mentioned that there are often two quorum approaches, a set fraction of total membership or a defined number as called in rules of procedure. It was agreed that an effort should be made to identify current rules of procedure or bylaws for the organization to clarify.

MEMBERSHIP - The Danville Selectboard has noted the recent attendance and membership within the Conservation Commission organization. Vange was approached with a query regarding whether recruitment support was desired. Conversations were held regarding preferred nature of outreach (membership qualifications, public perception of the organization if broad requests for membership, etc). During the conversation it was found that the Town Website had already broadcast a broad membership recruitment publication. Vange recognized it as a message she had used at the 2025 Town Meeting Conservation table

Links Here:

<https://danvillevt.gov/quick-links/news-2/>

<https://danvillevt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CC-seeks-membership.pdf>

12. Old/Other Business

The following topics were read as recognized old business, no actions taken.

- Joe's Pond Eurasian Milfoil
 - Continue to track and engage as appropriate.
- Danville Fair Parade recognition & Banner Storage/Use
 - Banner Storage / Photos to JPA website?
- Conservation Commission Membership & Recruitment
 - Status of current membership and future recruitment
- Public Outreach Efforts & Social Media Status Report
 - Provide Numeric Report (usage/views?)
- Danville Town Quarterly Newspaper
 - <https://danvillevt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Danville-Town-Newsletter-May-2025.pdf>
- Grass Mowing/Trimming & Town Property Tree Damage – Rings & Bid Language
 - **2025 Mowing Bid** – Three bids received: JM Yard Services for \$14,400 (also included a 3-year agreement for \$14,400 yearly), The Eliminator for \$20,425 (no additional options), and Precision Lawn Care for \$17,559. All three have worked for the town previously.

- Motion by Alison Low, 2nd by Glenn Herrin to accept JM Yard Services LLC for \$14,400 for three years. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carries.

11. Public Comment – End of Meet

None

Meeting Closed 8:16 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 3rd, 2025 at 7:00pm