

Danville Conservation Commission April Minutes

April 6, 2026 - 7PM

DCC Members in Attendance: Vange Morse (Chair), Bridget Ferrin (Treasurer), Greg Prior (Clerk), Jo Oliver, Julie Rapczynski **DCC Members Absent:**

Volunteers in Attendance: Barbara Huibregtse **Volunteers Absent:** David Irwin

Public in Attendance: Charlene Parker (Danville Village Improvement Society – President)

Meeting Open 7:00pm

1. Changes to the Agenda

None

2. Approve February and March minutes.

Minutes accepted as offered.

3. Public Comment – Beginning Meet

None

4. Updates on Conservation Commission Business

Discuss the reduction of voting commission members by the selectboard.

- Voting members moved from 9 to 5 members. 3 is a quorum.
- This number can be changed in the future. Town is recommending formal volunteer configurations versus larger voting members at this time.

Vote for a new Conservation Commissioner to be brought before the Selectboard.

- Jake Langmaid's Commissioner position will be offered to Julie Rapczynski.

Vote in 2026 Conservation Commission Officers.

- Vange Morse (Chair)
- Bridget Ferrin (Treasurer)
- Greg Prior (Clerk)

Do we have ByLaws and Rules and Procedures?

- Topic not addressed during this meeting. Tabled.

5. Treasurer business

\$10,000 of our \$17,250 Conservation Fund has been invested in a CD. DCC also has a \$1000/year operating budget that was voted and approved in the 2026 General Budget. Bridget (Treasurer) requested to be added to the Certificate of Deposit notifications. Dusty (Northwoods) is interested in a walk thru at Rodgers for the \$5K potential expenditure. Additional potential town forest projects are in discussion.

6. Updates on Pumpkin Hill Town Forest Public Information Date

- Selectboard voting date – Tabled due to meeting time limit.
- Town forest educational walk – Tabled due to meeting time limit.
- Timber harvesting bid process – Tabled due to meeting time limit.

7. Boundary Marking at Pumpkin Hill Town Forest

Bridge has completed marking boundaries for Pumpkin Hill Town Forest with the exception of Northwest Corner. There is no obvious way to define the border as it is across the river. Line of Sight may be useful with multiple people eventually to identify that corner. It was noted that the snowmachine trail runs inside the Pumpkin Hill Town Forest.

8. Mowing bid update for Pumpkin Hill Town Forest

The Town Administrator requested what should the mowing frequency for the parking area be. Commissioners are under the understanding that there will be two mows, once early summer and once late summer. Brush hogging doesn't have to happen every year. Mowing the side of the road is not necessary, only signs, parking area and up the hill to the picnic area. No Mow May was noted as not being good for the location.

9. Arbor Day, Green Up Day, and No Mow May

DVIS' President attended to request if DCC is interested in a collaborative relationship with DVIS in hosting the 2026 Arbor Day and 2026 Green Up Day events:

2026 Arbor Day will be held April 24th (Friday afternoon/evening). There was unanimous support by the DCC to co-host and volunteer. A table with the Conservation Commission banner will be onsite and available DCC members will attend. Vange stated she will check with Town Tree Warden for possible attendance. Tim Makay was identified as a potential valuable attendee. Dave Houston was mentioned as formally tree-educated and enjoying events.

2026 Green Up Day will be held May 2nd (Saturday morning through noon). DCC expressed interest in supporting this effort with attendance and effort. DCC also voted to request \$200 of the annual DCC budget be made available for Green Up Day use by DVIS.

No Mow May was not debated.

10. Town Road Crew & Invasives

Barbara Huijbregtse recommended and volunteered to look into what training is available from the State on invasives for Town Crews. Vange recommended that DCC pull a meeting together with the Town Road Crew to identify operating approach (mowing, etc) and identify support that DCC may provide for the 2026 invasive growing seasons. Mention of landowner outreach & education was mentioned as well.

11. Utility Water / Fire District 317 Forested Acres

This topic was tabled due to time limitations.

12. Sunday, May 17 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM in Burke, Vermont

In partnership with your county foresters (AJ Follensbee and Matt Langlais) as well as the [Vermont Center for Ecostudies](#), we invite you to join us for a half day of learning on

Public Comment – End of Meet

None

Meeting Closed 9:15 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:00pm