

Mount Holly Conservation Commission
Meeting of October 7, 2025
Minutes

Opening

The October meeting of the Mount Holly Conservation Commission was held at the Town Office on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. Phil Crane called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm after folding of brochures.

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

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda document was approved. September draft minutes were approved with one clarification.

We briefly discussed the issue of power line relocation affecting plans for the park by Star Lake.

Discussion of Agenda items

Our brochure will be made available on Cider Days at the Conservation Trust table. Members volunteered for time slots – Saturday-Dave, Sue, Birgir – Sunday-Phil C, Alex, Phil L. Sue will prepare a Newsflash piece regarding the harvesting permit for Star Lake.

Sue asked for location information about the Syria Farm trails, and we discussed various aspects of sharing trail information with townspeople. A sign now adorns the trail entry, prepared at a cost of \$85. Phil L will update what is on the town website. Dave will lead a hike on Saturday, October 25, at 1 pm. We discussed aspects of the MHCC section of the Mount Holly website with suggestions for further development.

Regarding Star Lake we touched upon announcing the permit (4512-ANC-H) for limited harvesting. Dave raised the question of pursuing a waiver of fees when we apply for wider permitting; Phil C said he would seek advice on pursuing this from former senator Alice Nitka.

Action Items

- Sue to cover Cider Days responses, the Syria hike and the harvesting permit in next ChitChat.
- Phil L. to correspond with Olin Reed, Selectboard about harvesting details.
- Phil C. to consult with Alice Nitka about the politics of permit waivers.
- Jeanmarie to play with drawings and ideas for the Star Lake Recreation Area.
- Members to represent MHCC at Cider Days as noted above.

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 4**, at 6 pm in the Town Office.

Adjournment occurred at 7:12 pm. Minutes prepared and submitted by Phil Leonard, Clerk