

Mount Holly Conservation Commission
Meeting of February 3, 2026
Draft Minutes

Opening

The February 2026 meeting of the Mount Holly Conservation Commission was held at the Town Office on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 in the Town Office and via ZOOM. Phil Crane called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Members attending in person were Phil Crane, Jeanmarie Fitzgerald, and Sue Presson. Alex Yuster, Phil Leonard and Dave Martin attended on ZOOM.

Agenda and Minutes

Two agenda items were added, vernal pools and legislator meeting followup. Draft minutes from November 2025 and January 2026 were approved.

Discussion of Agenda items

We looked at town budget data and discussed our need to coordinate our approach to how funds related to our mission are spent.

We discussed plans for aquatic nuisance control during the coming season.

The Recreation Committee has not met. Jeanmarie said she would prepare a cost list for improvements to the Star Lake Recreation Area.

Various members discussed the infra-red camera, its use and writeups about it. Phil C. will work toward a manual/guide and Sue toward publicity. Dave said the second camera has arrived and is in a box at his house.

The ChitChat can use input in several directions, from Star Lake harvesting to the infra-red cameras to Legislative followup to fundraising. Planning to “get things right” needs to precede publicity efforts.

Under “Other and New” we took up a proposed guest tour (at Jim Corven’s initiative) of vernal pools in Mount Holly, plans to follow up on the recent visit involving State Senator Terry Williams, and plans for raising funds to help amortize Robert Mojeski’s harvesting machine.

Action Items

- * Jean and Phil L. to generate cost list for Recreation Area plantings.
- * Phil C. and Sue to work toward written materials for the infra-red cameras.
- * Dave to contact Sen. Williams regarding next steps following our visit with him.
- * Phil L., Alex and Sue to confer about fundraising, possibly utilizing the Community Association as a partner agency.
- * Members to prepare contributions for Sue as input for the next ChitChat issue.

Next Meeting will be rescheduled so as to avoid Town Meeting conflicts. More details will be forthcoming.

Adjournment occurred at 7:01 pm. Minutes prepared and submitted by Phil Leonard, Clerk