

NEW HAVEN, VERMONT  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY , APRIL 9, 2025 AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M. via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: New Haven Conservation Commission Meeting

Time: Apr 9, 2025 07:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 837 4176 2452

Passcode: 513597

Call to order: 7:09

Attendees:

Dave Lewis

Polly Darnell

Ellie de Villiers

Marianne Eaton

I. Review and approve the minutes from 03/19/2025

Ellie approves

Polly second

II. AVCC Tiny Grants Applications

a. Marianne created a document to discuss AVCC Grant Concepts and three projects to consider based on research to date. Application for the Tiny Grant of up to \$700 requires an AVCC membership.

Moved to join AVCC with \$50 membership.

Polly moved. Ellie second.



Discussion regarding the Kestrel nesting box concept:

How do we do the site selection? VINS needs to assist. The community needs to understand the criteria and volunteer to host a box. How do we prevent luring kestrels to farms that use insecticides? How does the public see inside the box to monitor activity?

Trail camera Concept:

Dave to connect with Sophie Mazowita from Tracking Connection for a potential Browning camera discount.

Browning cameras are easy to use.

After discussing 3 concepts, the Trail cam idea is in favor of pursuing.

Polly and Marianne will work on the grant application.

Polly moves to purchase 2 cameras and additional supplies subject to support from town Librarian. Ellie seconded.

Marianne will connect again with Librarian for her input prior to filling out the application. Additional supplies include:

- 8 batteries (not lithium)

- SD cards

- Carry case

We will table the Kestrel idea until 2026. Will continue to seek questions from VINS before the grant application is due.

### **III. GOALS FOR 2025.**

a. Community Values project update. The VCRD Community Visits Program will take place this fall into winter for New Haven. Once it is clear how the project will proceed we will know if there is an interest for NHCC and our purposes. Dave will keep everyone informed as time rolls on.

b. Bear Presentation.

Don and Cheryl Mitchell have completed a learning program to become bear ambassadors. They would like to share a program synopsis with us



and that will be via zoom, scheduled for our May 21, 2025 meeting, with the possibility of offering a community presentation in collaboration with the Library.

c. Conservation Commission Connectivity.

Dave will be taking over where Susan left off learning about posting on the CCRG site with Heidi Willis. Anyone is welcome to join in.

The Conservation Resource Group:

<https://sites.google.com/acrpc.org/ccrg/home>

<https://sites.google.com/acrpc.org/ccrg/discussion-board>

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Fill Susan's vacant seat. We need to advertise this position in:

Front Porch Forum

Newsletter each month

Term Limits ended for Dave and Adam. Dave will connect with Adam regarding his position.

Dave will connect with Pam to alert the Select board that he will stay on as Chair.

Pam needs to update town web site with current members.

Need to connect with Julie, Town Treasurer, regarding the Select Board approving distribution of checks on our behalf. Ethan Tapper's invoice for his Honorarium and the AVCC grant check are due by April 16.

#### IV. MOVE TO ADJOURN

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