

Norwich Conservation Commission DRAFT February 2026 Minutes
February 17, 2026
7:00 PM Norwich Historical Society

Attending: Craig Layne, Alex Gottlieb, Andy Torkelson, Lynnwood Andrews, Lindsay Putnam

1. We discussed the VT Wildlife Action Plan. We are being asked to comment. Craig will submit some comments on their form and suggests that others send him any comments they would like included.
2. Steven True could not attend, so we will hear about the FEMA/USGS updates to our local flood hazard maps at a later time.
3. Regional Conservation Commission meeting in Thetford on the 19th. Lynnwood and Andy will attend.
4. UVLT wants to do a vernal pool walk with us again this spring. They suggest April 11 and 18. First potential date and backup date.
5. Earth Day: April 22. Hanover Garden Club would like to partner with us for their Earth Day film for this year. Craig moves and Lynnwood seconds that we be a co-sponsor for the film event up to \$200. Passed unanimously. Lindsay will reach out to HGC that we will assist with advertising and associated costs.
6. Outreach: Excellent response from the community to the listserv posts about road salt use. We are in favor of asking TM if the Town is open to salt reduction for conservation and budget savings goals. State is developing recommendations for salt usage. Should Norwich proactively move in that direction. Andy and Lynnwood will bring this up with TM.
Lindsay will put up a spotted lanternfly display at PO on the 18th.
7. Lynnwood will explore writing a small grant for wood chip mulching in meadow. (Association of VT Conservation Commissions.)
8. January draft minutes: Craig moves Jan minutes be amended as suggested by the EAB subcommittee. Alex seconds. Motion approved.
9. Lindsay moves to adjourn. Andy seconded. Motion approved.