



**Bennington Conservation Commission**  
**May 20, 2021**  
**Agenda**

**LOCATION: Bennington Depot Outdoors 6:30PM**

Minutes of April

Correspondence:

Committee Reports

- River Committee

Old Business

- Review Earth Day Cleanup etc
- Invasive species mitigation review

New Business

- 4-H request
- Rhubarb Festival - what participation?
- Contoocook Paddle
  - June 26 9AM
  - Plans - transport to the steel bridge
    - Vehicles to get boats and people back to Mill
    - Zach's food truck
    - Publicize it - Road Signs, Ledger Transcript
    - Pray for Rain
- Depot repairs - do we want to offer our assistance?
- Master Plan and BCC (the Master Plan can be found on the town's website under the Planning Board. Page numbers refer to the page in the plan where it can be found)
  - In Bennington, 50% of monies collected from the Use Change Tax (10% of the sales price of a piece of land taken out of current use and sold for development) goes to the Conservation Commission for the acquisition of land and/or conservation easements. The Town of Bennington has a total land area of 7,267 acres, of which 4,652 (64%) were in current use,

as of 2012 (Source: New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration). p71 and p94

- This Plan recommends continued support of the efforts of the Conservation Commission to preserve and protect significant and sensitive lands and water bodies in Bennington. P101
- Evaluate parcels town-wide to identify sites suitable for future industrial and/or commercial development. Consider any rezoning, as necessary. (CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PLANNING BOARD) p106
- Review standards of design and operating procedures for the maintenance, improvement and construction of municipal roads to protect the rural character of Bennington while providing a safe and efficient road network, including protection of roadside trees, preventing destruction of stone walls, and minimizing roadway width and changes in the radius of vertical and horizontal curves. (SELECTMEN, ROAD AGENT, CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p107
- Develop and maintain a Natural Resource Inventory. (CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p108
- Promote the connection of the publicly owned trail system to the regional trail network. (PLANNING BOARD, CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p108
- Develop and maintain an Open Space Plan for the town. (CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p108
- Establish a program of water-quality monitoring for Whittemore Lake and Powder Mill Pond. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p109
- Form a committee to study alternative well sites for future municipal water supply. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PLANNING BOARD) p109
- Consider alternate municipal well sites and protect them as possible future sources in case of problems at the current well site. (SELECT BOARD, WATER COMMISSION, CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p109
- Consider the adoption of a Steep Slopes Ordinance. (PLANNING BOARD, CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p109
- Consider the adoption of a Scenic View Protection Ordinance. (PLANNING BOARD, CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p109
- Consider adopting engineering construction specifications for parking lots that allow for porous pavements where appropriate. (PLANNING BOARD, CONSERVATION COMMISSION) p110