



**Bennington Conservation Commission**  
**January 16, 2025 6:30 PM at the Depot**  
*Caring for the Land and Building Community since 1989*

**Agenda**

Call to Order  
Attendance - Gary McKinnon update  
Minutes from November 2024

Mail

Reports:

River Committee: Jon Manley, Joe MacGregor

Town Hall News: Tom James

Finances	Savings	\$42,756	new dep \$10,028
			int \$101
	CD	\$81,152	int \$3,622

Old Business:

Review of the “Current Use” map tally

Community Supper February 13 at 5:30

Advertising - Mike

Road Sign

Facebook

Ledger Transcript

Menu specifics

Sausage Fest planning - Thursday February 8

- Number to plan for 150
- Sausages - Mike
- Hot dogs...purchased and cooked Steve’s hot dog cooker
- German Potato Salad - Mike

- Sauerkraut - Joe
  - ColeSlaw - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baked beans - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pretzels - King Hawaiian Soft Pretzel Bites
  - Dessert - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Drinks - Hot - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Cold -, Water -
  - Music - Tom - Dave Blanchard
- Sausages - prepared how?  
 Condiments  
 Salads - German Potato, Cole Slaw  
 Dessert-\_\_\_\_\_
- Music - Dave Blanchard Group

Current Use Map worksession

Budget 2025

<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>			
<b>Category</b>			
Year	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Requested 2025</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Labor	400	400	
FICA	31	31	
Dues	342	500	Increased dues
Supplies	50	69	
Education	1000	1000	Increased fees for programs, more work with Pierce students
Misc	633	1000	Forest projects, landscaping
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2456</b>	<b>3000</b>	

Conservation Fund

Balance

12/09 Deposit	8,690.50	81,619.78
12/11 Interest Deposit	2.83	81,622.61

## New Business

Annual Theme and how we will relay it to the community

- Signs
- Speakers

Speakers -

UNH Cooperative Extension Speakers Having to do with the annual theme.

Others - Birders in Hancock

Audubon

NHDES speakers - questionable

## **GOALS FOR 2025**

1. Continue the property conservation easement educational program to help residents decide to put their land into conservation or common use. Look into providing financial assistance to those wishing to do either.
2. Finish perambulating the Deering townline.
3. Continue to monitor water quality and serve in an advisory role to help permanent residents establish lake associations to take the lead in keeping bodies of water clean.
4. Continue to hold educational programming to address issues in town such as land and water preservation as well as informational presentations on animals, history, and climate issues.
5. Continue to improve the Bennington Trail with marking and parking.