

Minutes

Brookfield Conservation Commission Meeting

June 15, 2026

In attendance: Starr Strong, Susan Shea, Lindsey Pett, Jon Binhammer

1. Call to order - any natural history items to share? Meeting began at 7:00, and commission members shared their natural history tidbits.
2. Review Agenda - no additions to agenda
3. Public Comment - no public comment
4. Approval of Minutes of the May meeting - Starr moved, Susan seconded, motion approved.
5. Planning Commission update - Sue gave an update based on her reading of the minutes of the May 16 meeting - the PC is still working on Section 3 and will continue to do so. There is a vacant seat on the board and a possible commissioner identified.
6. Project updates:
 - a. Sunset Brook Natural Area management plan, etc. - no update on management planning process. Jon B. plans to submit the parcel to the Vermont Protected Lands Database.
 - b. Survey of vernal pools - Sue said she had reached out to a landowner that owns several pools, but has not connected yet. Commissioners invited to join in site visit, if scheduled.
 - c. Public events: Commissioner Lindsey Pett will lead an aquatics field trip on for the public on July 18th at 10:30am. Information will be put on Front Porch Forum. County Forester Robert Nelson will speak at the Brookfield Old Town Hall "Lessons from German Forestry", on June 25 at 6:30 PM.
 - D. I-89 underpass - no update. VTrans has not acknowledged receipt of the signed agreement with the Taplins.
9. New Business: None

Submitted by J. Binhammer 6/18/2026