

## Starksboro Conservation Commission January Minutes

Monday, Feb. 23, 2026

Starksboro Public Library. 5:30 – 7 pm

**Attending:** Alice Weston, Jan McCleery, Robert Turner, Jennifer Lovett, Margi Gregory. Steven Eustis (guest)

Robert opened the meeting.

### 1. [Review of January minutes](#)

Jan moved to review the January minutes, Margi seconds. Discussion and revision. Discussed getting minutes shorter and more in summary form. Robert proposed voting on motion to approve January minutes as edited, passed unanimous.

2. Presentation by Robert Turner: An overview of forest blocks and habitat corridors, including data sources and strategies for meeting Act 171 requirements for the town plan. To view the presentation, [Click here](#) Presentation will be posted on town website.

Discussion around revising town plan to meet Act 171 requirements. Planning Commission hasn't yet determined whether current plan will be re-adopted or revised. Town plan may expire before it's due. Concern noted about proposed recreational opportunities district in the forest block area.

Discussion around Article 12 re passing zoning bylaws and municipal plan by Australian ballot rather than by the selectboard.

### 3. Quick updates on the following:

- Partnering with the library on the VT Humanities Book of the Year  
No additional responsibility at this point.
- Cota Field Engineering Plan  
Next meeting not for a while, we will update.
- Municipal Planning Grant  
Consultant's final report about feasibility of a municipal housing trust out today, not complete yet
- 5-Town conservation commissions radio program  
Nothing going on right now. Going to recommend the radio folks interviewing

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- VTrans mowing policy  
No updates as of now.

### 4. AVCC membership

Recommend that the CC pay the dues for AVCC membership.

### 5. GreenUp Day

Becky Trombly asked if members of the CC would like to assist with GreenUp Day. Would we like to donate anything to the raffle? First Saturday in May? Wants to have a presence down at the town pavilion behind clerks office.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:09.