

Starksboro Conservation Commission Meeting
August 24, 2026
Draft Minutes

Meeting called to order by chair, Margi Gregory at 5:40. Members present in addition to Margi were Robert Turner, Jennifer Lovett, and Jan McCleery (note taker). No visitors were present, so the draft minutes from the May 2026 meeting were reviewed and voted accepted.

Announcements:

- Saturday 9.26, and 10.24, with 11.14 as a rain date are the dates for working with Midd students on invasive control measures at Cota Field.
- Middlebury Student Involvement Fair, Sept 17, 4:30-6:00 Robert and either Jennifer or Jan will attend to recruit volunteers for workdays on dates listed above.
- LCA will meet with their project engineers on 8.31, 5:30-6:30 pm at Cota Field.

Discussion of diverse options for moving and or replacing the Creekside Trail suspension foot bridge at its existing location resulted in action step #1: Robert will place a call to our grantor on 8/24 to request an extension of the date for bridge repairs to be completed.

A significant amount of time was devoted to a discussion of parcelization that included a review of data sets on the vtforesttrends.vnrc.org site and in a PDF created by Robert showing Starksboro's parcel acres by category, and the Grand List of the area of parcels by size class and the number of parcels by size class in 2005, 2016, 2020 and 2025.

Discussion during our next meeting will focus on core forest, riparian areas, and wetlands. Meeting is scheduled for the SPL on Monday, September 28 beginning at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned 7:35

Respectively submitted by Jan Mc

