

Coventry Conservation Commission

Regular Meeting

February 4, 2026

Conference Room B

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jamie Coss called the meeting to order at 7:00. Other members present were Paul Manzone, Art Hal, Vincent Messino, Brandon Shawl and Brian Coss.

2. Secretary's Report

Members read the minutes and Paul made a motion, seconded by Brandon, to approve them/

3. Financial Report

The balance in our account is \$2,952.67.

4. Audience of Citizens None

5. Site Plans/ Town Referrals None

6. Referrals None

7. Old Business

A program to help with vernal pool mapping will be distributed to all members.

Millbrook Park structure modifications are planned in the spring and some of this can be funded through the town LOCIP grant. Ground Supply funding can be obtained by Eric Thomas in most cases. Paul says that CHS typically uses Willard's Lumber for wood supplies and made a motion to approve \$300.00 for picnic table replacement, seconded by Jamie. The members voted unanimously to approve.

Rose-Williams Preserve plan is still pending completion of a latest version in the Land Use Office.

8. New Business

Bins for composting is awaiting approval by Town Manager James Drumm.

Paul had a recent Hartford Courant article on Nip Bottles and the effort underway here to allow towns to prohibit them. Some Massachusetts towns have already adopted such ordinances. Nip Bottle funds from the State may be approximately \$60,000 over multiple years and might have a balance of around two-thirds of that amount today.

The Bolton Lakes Watershed Group is still looking for members and has begun to map the watersheds. Brandon has opted not to join.

Membership. Since we still have a vacancy the membership would like to see if there is still interest among the previous applicants not appointed.

Forest Fire Webinar Brian reported that the UConn presentation, still available on-line was very interesting, It was given by their Fire Chief, Chris Renshaw, and Emily Watson of the CLEAR, Land use group. There was active discussion by our Commission regarding changes to our woodlands by climate change and pest infestations.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian at 7;44, seconded by Vin and all voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

B.D. Coss