

**Springfield Conservation Committee (SCC) Meeting.
Minutes for Sept. 20, 2025 Meeting.**

11:30 am

Springfield Town Library.

The meeting was called to order by Geetu Melwani, chairperson pro tem. Present were Heidi Trimbach, Hallie Whitcomb, Geetu Melwani, Nate Ellis, and Chuck Gregory.

The meeting was called to order at 11:28 am

ETHICS TRAINING— Nate, Heidi and Hallie have yet to complete the Ethics training.

MINUTES AND FILES— Geetu reviewed the matter of getting the committee minutes to the Town Manager. She will be organizing e-mail content by subject matter in a document open to all.

HOSPITAL TALK— The presentation went well. Hallie asked the committee for the stakes which will be planted by native species which will alert mowers to avoid them. Chuck will advise /Rob Prohaska of the staking project, provide the stakes and number them. If Heidi does not hear from Dotie Crossman of the Garden Club, Chuck will ask Rob Prohaska to have her contact Heidi. We will go to the seed nursery site and determine how much to spend; that will help figure out how much of the hillside will be transformed.

ACTION ITEMS: Eventual meeting with Select Board. Nate talked to Mr. Rasmussen of MARC about co-ordinating our work with the regional development plan. Nate will send the complete list to Geetu in a Google Doc.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP IN BRAT— Nate has sent the information to Kelly Settner and will do it weekly. Geetu and Heidi will contact her.

CALL TO DON BISHOP— Hallie has not contacted him, but she did talk to the owner of the property downhill from the Post Office.

BLACK RIVER PARCEL— Nate said the property is off the market. If the transaction is revenue neutral, the town could acquire it.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS— Public works connection; Hallie will follow up. Acquire a map of town properties. Town mowing— approach Jeff Mobus? Future land use map draft— get a copy. Development Review Board attendance/presentation. School

district— connect with Peter Burrows. high school contact? Heidi will try the high school approach. Act 182—The Pollinator Act.

Next meeting: The October 4th meeting will be cancelled, and the team will meet on Oct 11th at the hospital hill at 11:30. The October 18th meeting will meet as scheduled at the library at 11:15 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Gregory, secretary pro tem