

1 Canterbury Conservation Commission

2 December 11, 2025

3 Meeting House

4 **Members Present:** Kelly Short (vice chairperson), Bob Steenson, Audra Klumb, Steve Seron, Theresa  
5 Wyman, Lance Messinger, and Beth Blair (BOS Rep).

6 **Members Absent:** Ken Stern, Charlie Comey (alternate)

7 Kelly chaired the meeting and it was called to order at 7:00 PM.

8 1. **Minutes:** Kelly requested approval of October and November Minutes. The Motion to accept  
9 the minutes was made by Steve Seron and seconded by Audra Klumb. After some discussion  
10 about number of members present at the November meeting it was decided to call it a “work  
11 session.” The other changes were typographical corrections, and everyone voted to approve  
12 the minutes, except Bob Steenson and Lance Messinger who were not at the November  
13 meeting.

14 2. **Permits:** No permits at this time

15 3. **Property Management**

16 a. **Kinter’s Garden-** The town of Canterbury is currently in the process of signing the necessary  
17 paperwork with Harry Kinter to transfer ownership of this property to the town. There was  
18 some discussion about how the property has become overgrown with invasives and a work  
19 party will be needed to assess potential uses of this property.

20 b. **Trail changes at Kimball Pond and Fife Conservation Property-** Bob Steenson suggested  
21 that in the springtime a group get together to stain the new bridge at Kimball Pond, since it  
22 couldn’t be done earlier with pressured treated lumber. Audra marked potential trail  
23 changes near beaver pond and wetlands. Several members reported that there are large  
24 areas of invasive vegetation that will need to be removed at the north end of the field.  
25 There was a suggestion that we might utilize goats to graze in the field to assist in this  
26 process, but the group admitted that the field would need to be enclosed by electric fence.  
27 A work party was set up for Sunday, December 14th at 11:00 AM.

28 4. **Conservation Outreach:** Kelly reported that she has made some inquiries about potential land  
29 acquisitions for the CCC.

30 5. **Wetlands Update:** Audra reported that the Wetlands subcommittee met and issued a report to  
31 the Planning Board. It was also submitted to all members of the Conservation Commission.  
32 There were some questions about the nature of vernal pools.

- 33       **6. Other Business:** Kelly reported that the Merrimack River Local Advisory Commission is seeking  
34       two applicants from Canterbury to serve on this group that functions like a conservation  
35       commission and reviews how development projects might impact the river adversely. Beth also  
36       reported that the Historical Commission is also seeking new applicants.

37       Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

38       Respectfully submitted by Lance Messinger

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