



TOWN OF BOW

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Approved Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Room C of the Municipal Office building at 10 Grandview Road. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Lisa Lindquist, Dik Dagavarian, Mary Farrell, and Tom O'Donovan (via telephone).

Other attendees: Ginger Iverson, Recording Secretary.

Mr. O'Donovan stated that he could not attend the meeting in person as he was out of town.

Ms. Lindquist made a motion to allow Mr. O'Donovan to participate remotely due to his being out of town in accordance with RSA 91-A:2, III. The motion was seconded by Ms. Farrell. Vote 4:0:1 and approved by roll call vote with Mr. O'Donovan abstaining.

1. Robertson Trail – Functional Assessment

Ms. Crystall stated that the contract for the Robertson Trail functional assessment was signed and submitted. The cost was \$750. Results are expected within approximately 30 days. Additional application details will be discussed at a future meeting.

2. Legislation Review

The Commission reviewed relevant legislation using NHACC resources. Commission members were encouraged to submit individual positions on bills as desired. Upcoming/public hearings noted for: HB 1600 (Battery Recycling Stewardship Program) – Jan. 20, 2026; HB 1530 (Beaver Dam Notification Bill) – Jan. 14, 2026 and HB 1655 (Funding for state-owned dam maintenance via waterfront fees) – Jan. 21, 2026. Discussion included beaver dam notifications, exemptions for emergencies, fiscal note considerations, and use of beaver flow devices. It was noted that at least two organizations have partial grant funding available for beaver flow device installation. Ms. Crystall asked the Commissioners for any input for testimony to support the bill.

At 7:12 p.m. Mr. O'Donovan exited the meeting [the call was dropped].

Ms. Lindquist made a motion authorizing Chair Crystall to provide testimony on HB 1530 on behalf of the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Farrell. Vote: 4:0.

Chair Crystall mentioned the recently held webinar about how to provide input on proposed legislation. She will check to see if the recording is available.

3. Land Conservation Work - Status

The property closing was completed successfully on the Ferry Road Conservation Land and the deed was recorded. The next steps include drafting a press release, planning public access, parking, kiosk placement, and signage. Chair Crystall noted the historical significance (Robinson's Ferry) and has contacted the Heritage Commission for interpretive input.

Additionally there was a discussion about Bow Open Spaces and the Conservation Commission sending a potential outreach letter to a landowner along the Dunbarton boundary for future conservation opportunities.

4. Master Plan

Chair Crystall reviewed the draft conservation lands map. She identified the need to clearly distinguish the conservation land, Town-owned land and Town forests. Chair Crystall noted a missing parcel and boundary inconsistencies; shapefiles will be updated. She requested that Commission members review maps and provide feedback before the January 27, 2026 Master Plan Steering Committee meeting.

5. Project Review Table

Chair Crystall noted that the Commission's website is outdated and added this to the project review table as a medium-priority project. Commission members volunteered to review specific sections including conservation lands (Mr. Dagavarian), maps (Ms. Lindquist), links of interest (Ms. Farrell) and a new trails page (Ms. Lindquist). The goals include fixing broken links, updating maps (including Wildlife Action Plan 2025), and adding educational content (e.g., beaver information). Chair Crystall discussed the need for outreach on wetland buffers, conservation land signage and boundary markers, trail inventory improvements and possible use of trail counters, and review and correction of prime wetland buffer boundaries with NHDES. Chair Crystall added that the project tracking document could be converted to Excel for easier sorting.

6. Other, including Planning Board Projects, NHANRS & Turee Pond

The Woetzel/Lehrmann property application was remanded from the Housing Appeals Board and there will be a Planning Board rehearing on January 22. A NHDES Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification was filed for the property.

Chair Crystall noted that there were social media comments targeting Commission members and that Town officials were notified.

Other development /wetlands permitting activities discussed were regarding Logging Hill Road, South Street and Dunbarton Center Road.

The NHANRS Annual Conference is scheduled for January 30, 2026. Cost to attend is \$120/person.

Turee Pond – Bow was awarded a 50% grant for diver-assisted suction harvesting for milfoil in Turee Pond.

Non-Public Session – RSA 91—A (N/A)

Unapproved Minutes: December 15, 2025

Mr. Dagavarian made a motion to approve the December 15, 2025 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Farrell. Vote 4:0.

Adjournment

Ms. Lindquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Farrell. Vote 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Next meeting: February 9, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Iverson, Recording Secretary