

12-April 2023
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

The New Ipswich Conservation Commission [ConCom] conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, 12-April 2023, from 19:30 to 21:00 at the Town Office. The table below lists the attendees.

ConCom Member	Present	Absent
Bob Boynton, Chairman	X	
David McTigue	X	
Matt Oliveira	X	
Karen Miller		X
Kleta Dudley [Alternate]	X	
Mike Bara [Alternate]		X

Bob Boynton called the meeting to order at 19:30.

The ConCom reviewed the minutes for the 08-February 2023 and 08-March 2023 meetings. Matt Olivera made a motion to approve the minutes with editorial corrections. Kleta Dudley seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.

Bob Boynton stated that a Blue-Green Algae bloom [Cyanobacteria] has been reported at the Taylor Road Pond. Cyanobacteria is a hazard to humans, pets and wildlife if consumed and when swimming. Bob will call the NH Department of Environmental Services [DES] to request guidance regarding what action needs to be taken for public warning posting and remediation.

Bob Boynton stated that the ConCom currently has a \$60k commitment to the Piscataquoga Land Conservancy. The members discussed several strategies to research other properties for land conservation using the available escrow account funds with a balance of approximately \$210k including land purchases and easements. The members discussed partnering with other conservation organizations [e.g., Monadnock Conservancy, Ashburnham Conservation Trust, Northeast Wilderness Trust] active in the area. In addition, the members will also reach out to several local landowners for conservation opportunities.

Bob Boynton adjoined the meeting.

Submitted by,

Jeffrey Carter

Land Use Clerk as Secretary