

Heath Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2025

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: Brian DeVriese, Heather Row, Sue Draxler, Lyra Johnson Fuller, Pam Porter.

Others present: Bill Lattrell, Town Consultant, and Maureen O'Malley

1. Chair moved the first agenda item, Hear reports by Chair and Consultant, to after "Review and approve past minutes"
2. Review and discuss Memo to the Selectboard on wetland violations on Shapiro Tract and Burnt Hill Catamount Trail and pending enforcement order.

A letter the Chair sent to the Board of Selectmen, which had been copied to HCC members ahead of the meeting, was read aloud (Attached). The letter was a follow up to the meeting with the Selectboard on 11/05/25. It concerned, among other things discussed with the Select Board, a wet lands violation on the Shapiro Tract and Burnt Hill Catamount Trail. The letter indicated that the HCC would need to issue an enforcement order against the town requiring that the violation to be rectified and recommending that the town hire a wetland consultant to help determine the steps that must be taken to restore the area.

Filing an enforcement order requires a vote of the Committee, either before or immediately following issuing the order.

Heather Row moved and Lyra Johnson Fuller seconded that the HCC file an Enforcement Order against the Town of Heath requiring that the wetlands violations on the Shapiro Tract and Burnt Hill Catamount Trail be mitigated in accordance with the law by July 1, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously. Brian will complete the Enforcement order form with guidance from Bill and file it with the state. The order will be in force as of the date it is filed.

3. Review and approve past meeting minutes. Minutes of 11/10/25 minutes were sent out to members a head of the meeting. No corrections were offered. It was moved by Heather Row and seconded by Sue Draxler that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Hear reports of the Chair and the Consultant
 - a. Chair reported that DEP sent back and asked for corrections to the Order of Conditions issued at our last meeting, concerning the property of Son Trem. Chair and Consultant will make the corrections and return the Order. Chair also reported that he had received a call concerning a proposed motor cycle track on the property of Art Schwenger on Burington Hill Road.
 - b. Consultant reported he had had three calls concerning this project from neighbors and abutters. The concern relevant to the HCC, is that the track may cross wetlands and a possible stream bed. Bill will contact property owner requesting permission to enter the property with the owner to assess whether there are in fact wetlands concerns.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Heather Row and seconded by Sue Draxler. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Porter
HCC Member