

Durham Conservation Commission

August 19, 2026; 6:30 – 8:00 pm; Eureka Center

DCC Attendees: Jess Costa, Roberta Brezinski, Mike Friendly, Kelly Waddle, Jeff Tindall

Guest Attendee: Juliet Caplinger

- 1. June and July meeting notes approved**
- 2. Update on Pinkham Brook solar project**
 - Other solar projects have 7 ft tall fences and not getting deer entanglements
 - May need to update Town solar ordinance for 6-7ft security fences
 - The final project plan expected in October
- 3. Prep for Aug 22 church community event**
 - Boards and flyers
- 4. Other community event opportunities**
 - 1. September 19th fall craft fair**
 - 2. Coordinating with GPCOG and teachers/principal for Durham Community School 3rd graders presentation and survey for 7th and 8th graders**
- 5. Open Space Plan – need to follow up with other committees on the draft goals and strategies for which they are listed as responsible**
- 6. Yarmouth dam removal projects ongoing (no word yet from Michael Brandemarte on Runaround Pond water quality monitoring)**
- 7. 2027 and long-term DCC goals:**
 - Invasives removal at River Park (plant juniper and get chairs)
 - OSP into Town Comprehensive Plan
 - Implement OSP with other committees and Town staff
 - Contract zoning – take large scale solar out and put gravel pits and data centers in
 - Implement town funding process for conservation projects
 - Runaround Pond fish passage
 - Water quality monitoring in Runaround Pond

Next meeting – Wednesday September 16

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm