

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee

Town of Conway

March 18, 2026

6:30 pm Town Offices

Present:

Members: Priscilla Lynch, Deb Donaldson, Courtney Gilligan, Jill Craig

Meeting called to order, 6:45 pm.

The minutes of the 2/25/26 meeting were approved.

Deb reported that she and Jen placed the committee's new camera by the pond.

Deb reported that she has no information from the school as to how to proceed with the cameras and the Cultural Council grant.

Jill reported that the beaver walk can be arranged for the summer. The plan is to set a date at the April meeting. It was agreed that a stipend can be offered.

Courtney reported that the bird walk will be either 5/16 or 5/17. It was agreed that a stipend can be offered.

Deb reported that she and Janet from the Open Space Committee will be attending the 4/8 Conservation Committee meeting.

Wendy Ferris from Trustees of Reservations joined the meeting. She offered that they are working on acquiring the piece of land adjacent the the Conway State Forest (Cowls property). This will take sometime to finalize. The Trustees have land in both Conway and Ashfield. They emphasize public access to their lands. They would work with Conway and DCR re: trails on the new (Cowls)property. She offered to organize a walk of the property together with the committee. The Trustee can do Article 97 protection or conservation restrictions. There are grants for this work.

Next meeting: 4/22, 2026

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm