

**Town of Conway Open Space Committee Agenda**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/97143327679>

(or Conference Call: for instructions email [Janet@chayes.org](mailto:Janet@chayes.org) or text 413 768-7416)

- 1 **Approve Aug. 18, 2020 minutes**
- 2 **UMass Extension/Mass Woods Request for Proposals Neighborhood Outreach Projects to Landowners** <sup>(1)</sup>
- 3 **Trails**
- 4 **Annual Report** - due Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>
- 5 **Old Business/ Info Updates**
  - A. **Budget**
  - B. **South River Meadow** Birdhouse maintenance; potential barn swallows in barn
  - C. Planning Board Info Session **Municipal Vulnerabilities Projects/River Corridor Protection**
- 6 **New Business** (not anticipated in advance)

### **ATTACHMENTS**

<sup>(1)</sup> **Neighborhood Outreach Projects to Landowners**

Landowner decisions are often informed by the advice and stories of friends and neighbors. **We are looking for proposals to implement neighborhood-based outreach to landowners on conservation-based estate planning, including land protection options.**

This flexible grant is designed to be used by anyone who wants to reach out to landowners to deliver a conservation or forest stewardship message. Maybe you're on an open space committee and you'd love to mail the Chapter 61 booklet to landowners in your town. Maybe you're a landowner and you want to host a physically-distanced walk on your land to share how you make land management decisions, and you'd like some funding for snacks. Maybe your conservation commission wants to record a video about conservation restrictions and post it on your Town's website. It's up to you. Who do you want to reach, and what do you want to share with them?

The ideal proposal will identify a critical **neighborhood in Massachusetts** and **reach the landowners** within it through a combination of neighborhood-scale outreach activities that lead to landowners taking a **specific action to plan the future of their land.**

The following organizations and people from anywhere in Massachusetts are eligible for this grant:

- Municipal boards (e.g., open space committee, conservation commission)
- Land trusts
- Conservation organizations
- Regional conservation partnerships
- Natural Resource Professionals

Grants are available in amounts between **\$500 - \$3,000** and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted. Organizing outreach and facilitating social connections is time intensive. Applicants are therefore encouraged to include the cost of staff time in the proposal.

[Download the full grant description here](#)

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