

Colebrook Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
October 13, 2026

Meeting called by Joyce Hemingson at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance: Linda Bickford, Joyce Hemingson, Kim Janak, Jeanne Jones.

July 14, 2026 Minutes were approved.

Officer & Committee Reports:

-Pollinator garden: It was mulched before the Colebrook Fair.

-Cooper trail: Kim will walk the trail and assess condition. The town will remove a tree that fell on the lawn near the trailhead.

-Japanese knotweed collaborative: The next meeting of the Knotheads is November 4 at 2:00 pm at the Winsted Town Hall. Each participating town reports activities about increasing awareness of and removing invasive plants. Joyce and Becky Eaton (Norfolk Conservation Commission) manned a display with information at three of the Norbrook Brewery farmer's markets.

-Invasive plants in Colebrook: This year, the Public Works Department has mowed and sprayed Japanese knotweed and mugwort along roadsides. In addition to cutting knotweed, Joyce and Edna also cut the small patch of Phragmites along Rt. 182-A. At the Commission's January meeting, we will finalize a plan of action for 2027.

Old Business:

-Pisgah Mountain Road: Posts for the gates at each end of the road have been installed. Brad Bremer will call a joint meeting for updates on the maintenance plan.

-Colebrook Fair: Thanks to everyone for helping with the tent and displays and manning the table. Several people signed up to have invasive plants identified on their property.

New Business:

-The Colebrook Conservation Commission meeting schedule for 2027 was approved.

-CT Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) symposium will be held on Oct. 28. Motion to cover reimbursement for this was approved. Invoices should be given to Karen Odell.

Member Forum:

Jeanne asked the commission to consider assisting with the Food Scrap Recycling Initiative.

Adjournment by Joyce at 7:40 p.m. Unanimous.

Next meeting: January 12, 2027 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hemingson
Acting Secretary