



**Town of Concord**  
**Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee**

Minutes of Jan. 8, 2026 Meeting  
141 Keyes Rd 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room

Attendees: Peter Lee (Chair), Cris Van Dyke (Vice-Chair), David Bell, Tim Parker, Rod Reidel, Sarah Strong, John Thompson, Delia Kaye, Natural Resources Director.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

1. After a one word correction/edit to the draft minutes, Cris made a motion, seconded by John to accept the Dec. 11 minutes, as amended, and the motion passed.
2. Natural Resources Director's update: Delia has hopes that the design drawings for the stonewall construction project will be submitted by the end of this month. The drawings then have to be approved by the NRC, Public Works - Engineering, and the Historic Districts Commission. Once approved the project can be put out for bid. The wall is to be dry-laid except for the top. Delia's goal is that the project will be completed over the summer.

As an aside, Delia mentioned that the NRC has an application in to the Community Preservation Committee for the initial funding of a Land Conservation Fund so that the NRC, acting on behalf of the town, could respond to a situation where land became available/was offered, but the owner needed to sell/move forward faster/sooner/more quickly than what the usual Town process for acquiring land (typically a town meeting) takes.

3. Because of a family situation for George Carrette, a firm date for the pruning of the apple trees by his Eco-Quiet Lawncare Company hasn't been established. Tim expects it will be done Wednesday morning, Jan. 14. Tim expects it will take 2 or 3 laborers several hours to prune the four trees, a sizable donation of time and resources by George. Delia offered town resources to cart material away. Cris offered to assist if the removal takes place in the afternoon.

Peter is going to try to get a *Concord Bridge* reporter/photographer to come and report on the work.

The age of the trees wasn't immediately known. John asked if a tree didn't survive, could it be replaced? Can other trees be planted? Those would be questions / a conversation for this committee to have and to answer.

4. Because of missed connections with Joanne, Peter couldn't confirm a date for the "Historic Perspectives" program on the meadow. He is focusing on a morning (9:00) time for the program, though. Peter will introduce the program and the speakers. Tim and Delia agreed to cover, to speak to, the topic of the current management of the meadow.
5. Media & community engagement update/items:
  - a) Peter referenced a list of ideas/topics that Susan and Cris are compiling for a series of short articles that could run in the *Concord Bridge*.
  - b) For the photo exhibit at Haute Coffee, Sarah thinks it might be in the spring; she asked

what type of photos / what season should be displayed. As the audience in the shop may be “different” from another audience in town, Rod, Cris and David encouraged her to try to display as many photos as she can and to have the photos showing the meadow in all of the seasons. Peter asked/suggested adding the QR code for the Heywood Meadow web page near the photos or on any text accompanying the photos.

- c) the design and creation of a flyer for the “Historic Perspectives” program will be finalized by Peter and Cris by Jan. 12.
- d) root and invasives removal in conjunction with youth/school groups:
  - Rod will act as our liaison/coordinator and will reach out to CCHS, the scouts, and maybe Fenn School. With six weed wrenches at our disposal, Rod hopes to have multiple groups of 6 to 12 students over multiple dates in May.
- e) Cris asked for volunteers to man a table for next September’s Ag Day.
  - Rod shared a photo of where he planted the daffodils by the Amble sign.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01.

6. The committee’s next meeting is Thurs., Feb. 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the first floor meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bell