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WATERBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Selectboard Update

September 1, 2026 • Presented by Amy Marshall-Carney (Chair)

TODAY'S BRIEFING

Agenda

1

Natural Resources Inventory

Status update on the seven-task mapping and field-assessment project.

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Key Updates & Outstanding Items

Follow-up from the Commission's May Selectboard update, and two requests for the board.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Status Update

- 1 Task 1. Landcover & Forest Block Mapping
- 2 Task 2. Upland & Wetland Natural Community Mapping
- 3 Task 3. Wildlife Habitat & Corridor Modeling
- 4 Task 4. Windshield Survey Field Assessments
- 5 Task 5. Reporting & Online Map
- 6 Task 6. Project Meetings & Presentations
- 7 Task 7. Detailed Field Assessments

4

willing landowners identified

Complete

Complete

Starting Soon

Mostly Complete

Upcoming

Ongoing

In Progress

Task 7: WCC has identified 4 willing landowners and outreach continues; the Commission expects to begin site visits late summer/fall, pending landowner information. Overall, the project is progressing right on target.

KEY UPDATE

Better Connections Project

- The Conservation Commission was named as a stakeholder in the Better Connections Project's Clean Water Fund grant application — but was not consulted or invited to participate before submission.
- The Chair raised this directly with town staff and Selectboard leadership in early 2026; the issue remains uncorrected.
- The Commission has asked that its clarifying email be appended to the project's final report and remains open to meaningful involvement going forward.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1 Selectboard to confirm the record will be corrected and the Commission's email appended to the final report.
- 2 Selectboard/Town Manager to identify a path for genuine Commission engagement on the project moving forward.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM MAY

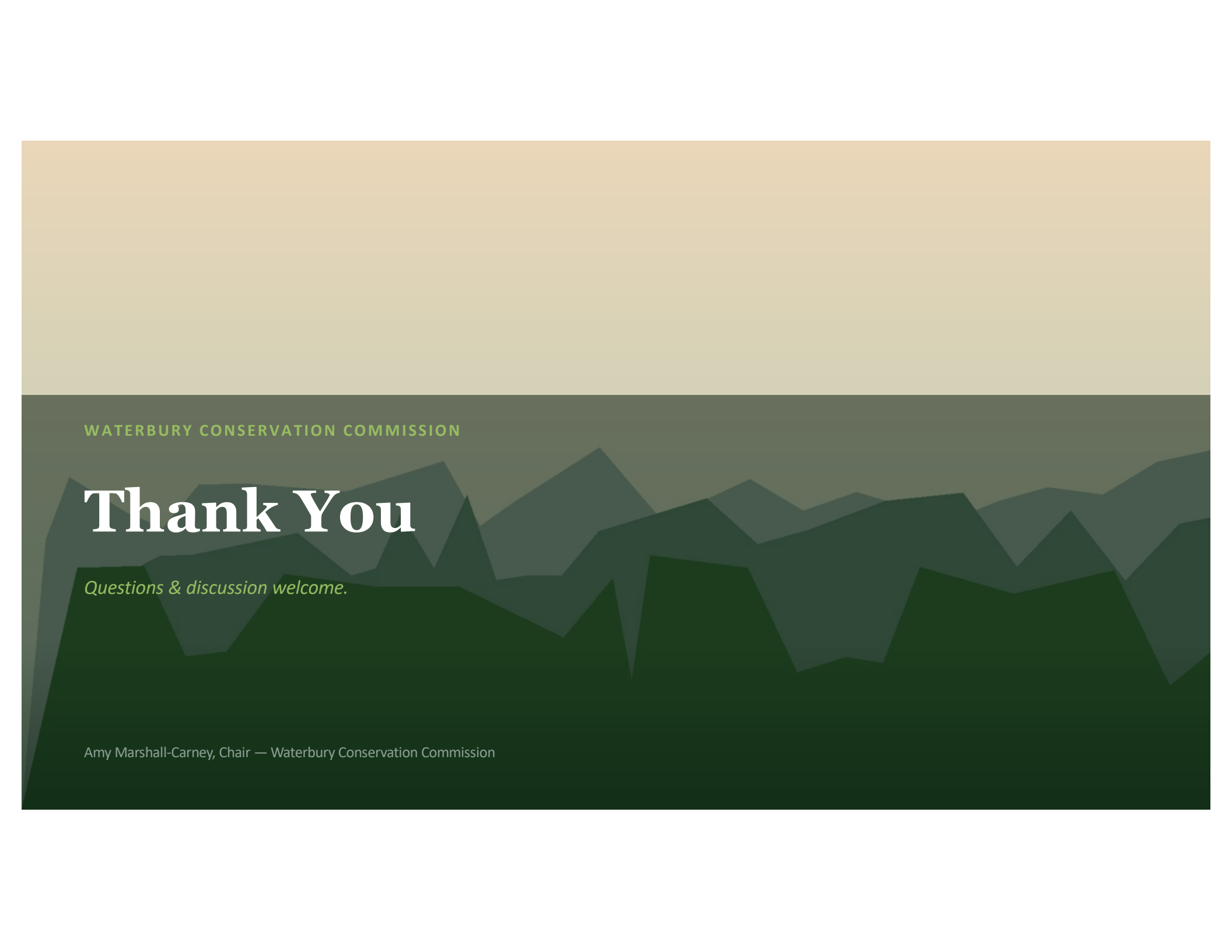
Requests for the Selectboard

- 1 Continue to support recruitment for 3 open WCC seats. – *1 seat pending acceptance*
- 2 Affirm the WCC's role on flood hazard bylaw and river corridor work.
- 3 Confirm the WCC liaison to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Get the word out.

Arrowwood is seeking willing landowners to support an independent site assessment confirming the Commission's natural resource mapping.

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Thank You

Questions & discussion welcome.

Amy Marshall-Carney, Chair — Waterbury Conservation Commission