

Fayston Conservation Commission
August 29, 2018 Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: Corrie Miller, Akhil Kaplan, Lisa Koitzsch, Ky Koitzsch, Geri Procaccini, Gene Fialkoff

ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Lisa: Will continue to pull minutes together and upload them to Town web site. Update name on Town website. Will forward most recent kiosk text to FCC members and email Bob Kogut to get most recent text for the Camel's Hump / Howe Block kiosk off of Tucker Hill Road. Look into Vermont Community Foundation Funding use.

Ky: Draft FNRC to FCC name change article for paper.

Geri: Will talk to Chairs of Fayston and Waitsfield CCs about dates and location for Tri-Town meeting.

Akhil: Talk with Jean at Fayston Elementary about project options for students in CB Town Forest

1. Minutes

Lisa moved to approve the minutes from our July 25th meeting, Geri seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

2. Chase Brook Bridge

Ky gave a McCullough Barn bridge and Chase Brook Town Forest trail update. The main bridge and ramps are complete but decking still needs to be installed on the 24' section of bridge over the seep. The trail still needs to be completed between the bridge and the switchback section above the old downstream bridge. John A. said they would be working to complete this section of trail over the next few weeks. We will wait to put out a press release about the new bridge, ramps and trail until all are completed. We also discussed the use of funding (\$2,225) acquired through the Vermont Community Foundation for the construction of the new bridge. We will consider reimbursing the Mad River Path Association for some of their material expenses.

3. Mad River Valley Planning District – Trail Kiosk Update

Lisa updated us on the Chase Brook Town Forest kiosk text and map. Final text has been approved and Lisa will distribute this to commission members. Edits to the map have been considered and will be incorporated. The next version of the map will be distributed when completed. Focus will be on increasing the scale of the map (ie. showing greater detail of a smaller area), enlarging the 'You are here!' label, and simplifying and/or modifying trail names. Akhil informed us of the 'No parking' signs at the top of Harris Hill and suggested we check on the Kiosk map to make sure that it reflects this. We also discussed kiosk location and all agreed that it be in view from the parking lot and not near the barn. Ky suggested we locate it to the right of the trail and others thought perhaps 10' off the parking lot so that cars could still park in front of it without obscuring it. Contact Lisa or Geri with any further comment or questions about the Kiosks.

4. Other business

Tri-Town Meeting: Discussed scheduling of Fayston CC sponsored Tri-Town Conservation Commission meeting to take place approximately 6 months after meeting on April 30, 2017. We decided the best two locations would be Flat Bread or the Hyde Away. We do have money in our general fund if needed for food and refreshments.

Lisa confirmed that we have renewed our membership with the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions and reminded us the Big Basin Trust continues to contribute to the Fayston Conservation Reserve Fund.

Corrie updated us on progress on the Fayston Stormwater Master Plan Project for building flood resilience and clean water and shared a list of Fayston projects prioritized by Watershed Consulting Associates and a team of town stakeholders. She pointed out that Valley towns are already implementing stormwater control projects citing recently installed dry well catchments in Warren on Fuller Hill Road and stone lining of ditches in Fayston. So far these measures seem to be working, but are new and innovative and have not withstood the test of time.

Fayston Elementary School Student Projects: Akhil asked about any potential Town Forest projects for the Fayston Elementary School Students. Members expressed interest in revitalizing the nature path that Cory Stevenson worked on with the students. Other possible projects included a natural art exhibit, Dog walk loop trail constructed and named by students, and potential Geo-caching sites.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 19th at 7:15 pm at the Fayston Town Offices.

(Akhil will take Minutes)

Respectfully submitted,
Ky Koitzsch, FCC Member