

Fayston Natural Resources Committee

May 9, 2017

Minutes

Members Present: Lisa Koitzsch, Carol Chamberlin, Ky Koitzsch, Geri Procaccini, Gene Fialkoff, Ned Kelley

Others Present: Lauren Slater, Catamount Trail Association

ACTION ITEMS

Lisa: Get contact information for the Angelillos.

Ky: Begin work for installing windows at barn.

Carol: Meet with Caitlin, discuss Fish & Wildlife biologist contact, ask Patti L when path discussion can be on Selectboard agenda. Finalize bridge/ramp finances with MRP to determine what funds are available for the bridge ramps.

1. Chase Brook Bridge and Trails

It was agreed that the preferred option for connecting the new bridge and the switchback trail at the lower bridge is via the path along the east side of Chase Brook, as this would be best for biking and skiing use. The Catamount Trail has an easement on this path for winter use. Nobody was in favor of cutting a new trail to meet up with the bike trail above the switchback section; it was decided that the current trail should be used for this access, with minor cuts away from the stream where possible/necessary. Because VLT holds the easement for this parcel, they must agree to sanction the trail; the easement also requires that a stream biologist review and approve the siting of the trail. Carol has arranged a meeting with Caitlin Cusack of the VLT on May 17 to explore the possibilities at the site. It was acknowledged that the Angelillos have in the past expressed concern regarding the path being right across the stream from their house, and efforts will be made to determine if they still have these concerns.

The new bridge needs to have ramps installed at either end. Ky met with John Atkinson about this in the fall and tentative plans have been developed. Carol reported that none of the grant she obtained for the bridge was needed and that those funds are still available for use in ramp construction.

2. Trail Signage

The location of signs regarding no dogs allowed on the Marble Hill Farm property was discussed. It was agreed that polite language would be appropriate for the border of the Town Forest and the Farm. It was also agreed that trail head signs should be kept simple and that blazes in the Town Forest should be small and possibly changed from yellow to another color. Lauren offered to remove any remaining Catamount Trail locators still posted on the older unused portion of the trail.

3. Election of Officers, Establishment of Meeting Time and Location

Carol was elected as Chair; Ned was elected as Treasurer.

It was decided to meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Most meetings will be held at the Town Office, although the McCullough Barn will occasionally be used for meetings.

4. Projects

Details of current and upcoming projects will be focused on at upcoming meetings. It was decided to hold a barnwarming party in September. Ky will work on getting the windows installed at the barn over the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at the Town Offices, 7 pm.