

**Fayston Conservation Commission**  
**June 12, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Lisa Koitzsch (chair), Gene Fialkoff, Akhil Kaplan, Corrie Miller, Geri Procaccini  
**Guest:** Jito Coleman - Warren Conservation Commission Chair

**ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING**

**Lisa:** Ask Brian Voight to add the new trail in the Chase Brook forest to the trail map.

**Geri:** Contact Margo Wade about ideas to bring awareness to the Sugarbush maintenance crew concerning the spread of knotweed.

**Akhil:** Contact Ed Read to ask if his crew could weed whack around the McCullough Barn and the Nature trail.

**Corrie:** Check with Joshua Schwartz about obtaining the trail counter data that he collected.

**Everyone:** Work on a priority list for our proposed projects and workshops that would benefit the community.

**1) Meeting minutes**

Lisa moved to approve minutes from the May 8th meeting and Geri seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

**2) Jito Coleman Presentation**

\*Warren Conservation Commission (WCC) objectives: to identify corridors, determine wildlife movement and which corridors are at risk.

\*WCC engaged the Agency of Natural Resources, and hired Arrowwood Consulting to create surveys. Collected wildlife data and included the corridors in the town plan.

\*Future plans include the development of a map with zoned areas designated as wildlife corridors. The project is expected to take 5 years to complete. The WCC has a budget of \$6,000.00 per year in addition to a significant reserve fund.

\*Discussion about the knotweed problem: Jito relayed the efforts in Warren that include digging up and transporting weeds to the Warren compost dedicated to knotweed. Attack often and everywhere. Road crews should be made aware of what it is and how it spreads.

\*I-Naturalist is a website where users can connect with scientists and naturalists to share and learn about all things nature. Akhil stated that he is familiar with the site and confirmed that it's a great resource.

**3) Chase Brook Town Forest**

\*Lisa and Geri hiked the Chase Brook trail and found that more signage is needed to distinguish where the town forest line is. Lisa has scheduled Thursday, July 11, 2019, as a potential workday to flag the trail in Chase Brook Forest. Details to follow.

#### **4) Executive Session**

\*Lisa made the motion to move into executive session (approximately 8PM), seconded by Corrie and approved by all. Lisa moved to come out of executive session (approximately 830PM); seconded and approved.

#### **5) Other Business**

\*Lisa proposed that we name our new Chase Brook Forest Trail the Fred Gilbert Trail in honor of Fred, who contributed much of his time for many years to our town, serving on several boards including the Conservation Commission. She received approval from the Selectboard at their last meeting. Gene moved to approve, Akhil seconded, all approved.

\*Corrie will get info about an upcoming walk at Lareau Farm with the Friends of the Mad River and the Nature Conservancy.

\*Geri suggested organizing a community composting workshop and researching the possible development of a Fayston facility that would comply with the upcoming regulations taking effect next year.

**Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at 7PM at the Fayston Town Offices.**