

Fayston Conservation Commission
May 8, 2019
Meeting Minutes

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

ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Lisa: Contact Big Basin Trust to discuss Hedgehog Brook Trail, follow-up on trail counters
Geri: Reach out to Warren Conservation Commission regarding wildlife corridor project
All: Meet before next meeting to pull knotweed and flag new trail on CBTF (Lisa will coordinate).

1. Minutes

Corrie moved to approve the minutes from both the January 7 and April 10, 2019 meetings. Geri seconded, no discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

2. Chase Brook Town Forest

Projects for the Town Forest were discussed including:

- Flagging and creating new 'loop' trail to give people with dogs an option when they reach the Marble Hill Farm boundary (no dogs allowed).
- Removing knotweed from the parking area, the nature area, and along the beginning of the trail.
- Cleaning up the barn to make it more useable, installing a concrete floor, using a solar panel to light the interior, investigating grant monies.

3. Hedgehog Brook Trail

The FCC talked about working with both the Big Basin Trust and the Green Mountain Club to fix run-off and erosion issues on the Hedgehog Brook Trail. Alternatives for re-routing portions of the trail were also discussed. This trail has incredibly high use during the summer and conditions have deteriorated quite a bit over the last few years. The Board discussed the possibility of putting out a trail counter to determine actual use.

4. FCC organization

The FCC said goodbye to long-time member Ky Koitzsch. He has accepted a position with the Fayston Development Review Board. Suggestions for potential new members are welcomed.

5. Executive Session

Lisa made the motion at 7:45 pm to move into Executive Session, seconded by Corrie. Motion approved. Ky made the motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:00 pm, seconded by Gene. Motion approved.

6. Other business

There will be a knotweed removal demonstration on the Austin Parcel in Waitsfield on Saturday, June 1 from 9am to 1pm.

The FCC will reach out to the Warren Conservation Commission about their successful wildlife corridor project in the hopes of creating a similar project in Fayston.

Lisa offered to follow-up on the Chase Brook Bridge winter trail counter statistics.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 pm at the Fayston Town Offices.