

Fayston Natural Resources Committee
October 11th, 2011
Minutes

Present: Ned Kelley, Gene Fialkoff, Ky Koitzsch, Lisa Koitzsch

1. Ned moved to approve the meeting minutes from 9/13/11, Lisa seconded and all approved.
2. Discussed conservation of Bragg Farm and importance of that property to the Mad River Valley. VLT is in process of identifying a farmer who could manage the property and seeking potential investors.
****Ned will follow-up with Liza to determine FNRC's role and status of the project.**
3. Japanese knotweed is a big problem in the Valley – even more so now that the flood has spread it across fields, riverbanks, and roadsides. Discussed potential FNRC actions including an article in VR, coordinating with Caitrin Noel, getting info out to the residents of Fayston. Ned has had success with knotweed near McCullough Barn by repeatedly cutting it once a month during the growing season. While the weeds have grown back, they are nowhere near as robust.
****Lisa will follow-up with Caitrin.**
4. McCullough Barn excavation is scheduled for week of October 17th. Kingsbury's had a busy schedule dealing with flood issues but are now able to turn their attention to this project. Ky has started restoring some of the rotted barn timbers.
****Ky will meet with Kingsbury's to finalize excavation site.**
5. The tri-town conservation meeting is being held on **October 25th at 6:30pm at Lareau Farm**. FNRC will provide an update on the Barn, the Lathrop parcel and discuss a possible town conservation fund. FNRC members will most like all be attending.
****Ky will follow up with Select Board about conservation funding.**
6. Ky reported on the recent Act 250 True North hearing. FNRC should be present at the hearings that specifically address wildlife and habitat issues.
****Lisa will e-mail DRB decision to FNRC members.**
****Ky will talk to Chuck Farnsworth re: Big Basin's interest.**
7. It was agreed that FNRC needs a few more members.
****Lisa will ask Patti Lewis for voter list.**
****Everyone will think of potential new members.**
8. **Next FNRC meeting will be on November 8.**