

**Fayston Conservation Commission**  
**December 11, 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Corrie Miller, Lisa Koitzsch, Ky Koitzsch, Gene Fialkoff, Ned Kelley

**ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING**

Lisa: Finish grant reporting, contact SB re:budget, email Carol and Shane, write Town Report

Corrie: Help Lisa with grant reporting

Akhil: Continue to be liaison with Fayston School re: possible trail building and knotweed projects.

ALL: Review Town Plan, Town Land Use Regulations, Arrowwood Report

1. Corrie moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting and Ned seconded. All approved and motion was passed.
2. Lisa reported that the Chase Brook Town Forest Kiosk map has been completed and unfortunately the new loop trail to avoid Marble Hill Farm will not be on the map. There will be a place on the final kiosk board for us to place any additional information we would like the public to know about so this would be a good spot to put a detailed trail map of the CBTF. The kiosk installation has been delayed until the Spring.
3. The Tri-Town Conservation Commission meeting was a success and Lisa, Corrie, Ned and Gene reported on several different topics that were discussed. A big thank you to Geri for taking the minutes of that meeting. Knotweed and other invasive species have been at the forefront of the Waitsfield CC's agenda and this is an issue that the FCC would like to begin tackling town-wide, starting with a very localized removal project near the McCullough Barn. To increase communication between the three Valley conservation commissions, all present at the meeting agreed to share minutes from their monthly meetings. The Town of Warren presented information on the development and installation of wildlife corridor signs in their town and the FCC agreed that this was a topic we would like to pursue as well.
4. There was a discussion about the Town's funding of our Conservation Reserve Fund. All were appreciative that the SB has included \$2,500 in the 2019 budget for the CRF but all agreed that we would like this to be more in ensuing years as protecting and conserving our iconic Town's natural resources is very important. Lisa will contact the SB about the idea of using what remains of the FCC's annual budget to help add to the CRF.
5. Akhil said he was going to continue planning to have the Fayston Elementary school children participate in a trail building project and a knotweed removal project in the Spring. He also suggested that the FCC hold a community forum to invite Fayston residents to discuss what issues they would like the FCC to tackle. All agreed that these were great ideas.
6. There was continued discussion about how the FCC could offer the Fayston Development Review Board and Planning Commission expertise as they make decisions that impact the Town's natural resources. Carol Chamberlin, Planning Commission, and Shane Mullen, Development Review Board, will be invited to our next meeting.

7. Corrie told the members about the Vermont Master Naturalist program and suggested that this would be a great opportunity for the Valley. Cory Stephenson, Moretown Library, is currently working on a potential collaboration with the program. All members agreed to look at the VMN website to learn more about this program.
8. Next meeting will be on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Ky and Lisa will not be able to attend as they will be away until mid-March.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koitzsch  
FCC Chair