

# FAYSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 10, 2021

## MINUTES

**Present:** Lisa Koitzsch, Akhil Kaplan, Ned Kelley, Corrie Miller

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Akhil moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting. Ned seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No participants.

**SET NEW MARCH MEETING TIME:** Because of a conflict with Town Meeting, FCC members approved moving the March meeting to March 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

### HEMLOCK HILL TRAIL

Akhil reported that the Mad River Riders hosted a walk for FCC members and others on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Attendees included: Akhil, Lisa, Corrie, Ky Koitzsch (Fayston Development Review Board), Jared Cadwell (Fayston Select Board), Liza Walker (Vermont Land Trust), John Atkinson (Mad River Riders), Bob Kogut (Mad River Riders), and Laura Arnesen (Mad River Recreation District). Due to snow conditions, the group only walked half the proposed trail and will reconvene this Spring to walk the remainder portion. Discussion was productive and informative. The impact of the proposed trail on habitat, wildlife, streams, and core forest was a major topic of discussion, as well as the broader scope of trail planning/recreation on a watershed level.

### FAYSTON TOWN FORESTS

#### Boyce Hill

Corrie reported that the Steering Committee is still meeting every two weeks and has developed smaller subcommittees to tackle some of the tasks in the management planning process. Work is underway to develop three to four public education workshops via Zoom to engage the public regarding management planning for the property. A public survey has been drafted and is under review and will be available sometime late March or early April. The SC has worked on a visioning document, formats for documenting public input, and development of base maps.

#### Chase Brook

Lisa reviewed the quote for powder post beetle treatment at the McCullough Barn from Aaron Mangan of Mangan PI Pest Control and will contact two other companies for a quote as well. Treatment would not happen until Spring as the temperatures need to warm up for the product to be most effective.

### TOWN MEETING REPORT

Lisa and Corrie will represent the FCC at the Town Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 23. They will provide an overview of FCC work in 2020 including the work of the Boyce Hill Town Forest Steering Committee.

### FCC MEMBERSHIP

At 7:14pm, the FCC went into Executive Session to discuss FCC membership. At 7:28pm, the FCC came out of Executive Session. No actions taken. Corrie and Lisa will finish working on the announcement re: looking for new members and post on FPF and Town Listserv as soon as it is ready. Announcement will also be sent to people who expressed interest in FCC at Town Meeting 2020.

**The next FCC meeting will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koitzsch, Co-Chair