

Fayston Conservation Commission

Minutes

4/14/2021

1. Corrie moved to approve the minutes from 2/10/2021. Ned seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was passed.
2. Public Comment - None
3. All agreed the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm was a good meeting time. We will have to reschedule in June because of a conflict.
4. Green-Up Day is on Saturday, May 1 – Lisa will provide maps and bags, and Akhil and Ned will help place bags at street/road intersections. Several other community members have volunteered to help as well. Lisa will reach out to GMVS and will put announcements on FPF.
5. FCC membership – We will continue to look for new members but will not place any ads on FPF at this time.
6. Chase Brook Town Forest
 - a. McCullough Barn treatment – We have received two separate quotes from pest control companies to help control the powder beetle infestation that range between \$500 and \$1000 depending on how thorough the treatment is. The next step is to meet with the Select Board and present the information for their approval. Lisa will determine if there is a municipal building fund for the cost of this project.
 - b. Fred Gilbert Trail – Akhil will check the trail out and see if we need to schedule a maintenance day. Ned will craft two wooden signs that will be placed on metal posts. “Fred Gilbert Dog Loop”.
7. Boyce Hill Town Forest Update
 - a. Public Workshops – A series of three to four public visioning workshops will be held over the next two months to both educate and gather input. The first is on April 28th and will feature Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County Forester, Liza Walker, VLT, and Peter Forbes, facilitator.
 - b. Survey – An online survey is being developed and Corrie and Lisa have tried to provide language that will help educate about the natural resources of the property so that people can make informed decisions for the future.
8. Japanese Knotweed – This item will be discussed at our next meeting.
9. Beaver Baffle – Lisa will contact the state biologist to see if he can visit the site and provide input on our next steps.
10. Amphibian Crossings – Ned and Judy have adopted the Bragg Hill crossing through the North Branch Nature Center program. Other crossings are available throughout Fayston.
11. Other Business

- a) The Tri-Town Conservation Commission will be held in May. Lisa will circulate the possible dates Waitsfield provided.
- b) Hemlock Hill proposed trail – The FCC will begin drafting a position letter before our next meeting. Akhil has offered to take the lead on this.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 12, 2021 – 6:30 PM