

# Fayston Conservation Commission

## Minutes

7/14/2021

**Present:** Corrie Miller, Akhil Kaplan, and Lisa Koitzsch

1. Corrie moved to approve the minutes from 6/17/2021. Akhil seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was approved.
2. Public Comment – No member of the public attended the meeting.
3. FCC meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. At least one person will be present at the Town Office for each meeting. All other participants can either attend in person or via Zoom.
4. MRV Stewards discussion: Akhil will reach out to Caleigh Inghram re: adding Chase Brook parking area to the list of future MRV stewardship sites.
5. Discussion re: tri-town community level trail planning that focuses on the collective impact of trail networks with the goal of protecting wildlife and core forests instead of letting all trail decisions be up to the trail groups. FCC will reach out to Mad River Riders and Mad River Path Association to get an update on trail planning in Fayston.
6. VOREC – State Recreational Grant Program. Currently, MRV Trails Collaborative working on a proposed trail hub for the Valley. At a recent Waitsfield SB meeting, it was suggested the Trails Collaborative should reach out for input from the three Conservation Commissions.
7. Chase Brook Town Forest – The barn has been treated for powder post beetle. Next step is to apply a sealer over as much of the beams as possible. The new Fred Gilbert Dog Loop trail will be included in the next MRV Recreation map.
8. Boyce Hill Town Forest – The public input portion of the management planning process is winding down after three successful public forums. The online survey will close on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Next steps are for the Steering Committee to meet and discuss management options and for the SC to meet with the Select Board.
9. Japanese Knotweed – Akhil has created a spreadsheet for possible knotweed adoption sites and will make sure to prioritize headwater areas of Fayston.
10. Hemlock Hill discussion – FCC will draft a letter to the Mad River Riders Board of Directors to outline the reasons against construction of the trail. Lisa will create a Google Doc for FCC members to work on.
11. Next meeting: Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 7:00 pm.