

Fayston Conservation Commission

Minutes

6/17/2021

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

1. Corrie moved to approve the minutes from 4/14/2021. Akhil seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was passed.
2. Public Comment - None
3. All agreed the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm is the new meeting time. Next meeting will be on July 14th.
4. The beavers on Randell Rd have started to dam up the culvert again. The road crew removed the debris and installed two large concrete blocks with wire between them to try to stop them from doing it again.
5. The Tri-Town Conservation meeting was held via Zoom on May 26th. Minutes from the meeting [here](#). Corrie and Lisa reported on a meeting held early this week with the chairs of the Conservation Commissions to discuss an ecological approach to siting trails in the MRV. All agreed to continue pursuing the protection of trail-less areas and ensuring minimal impacts to wildlife.
6. Chase Brook Town Forest
 - a. McCullough Barn treatment – Central Vermont Pest Control will be treating the barn for powder post beetles on June 16th. The Barn will be closed for two days.
 - b. Fred Gilbert Trail – The “Fred Gilbert Dog Loop” will be added to the reprint of the Mad River Valley Recreation map. Lisa will send trail file to Ross Saxton.
7. Boyce Hill Town Forest
 - a. Public Workshops – A series of three public visioning workshops have been held over the last two months to both educate and gather input from the public. There was strong support for a balance between recreational values and natural resources.
 - b. Survey – An [online survey](#) is available until July 20th.
 - c. Management Plan – The Steering Committee is working on getting a consultant to help synthesize the public comments and draft the management plan.
8. Japanese Knotweed – Ideal cutting height is when the plant gets between 8 to 12” but the only way to truly get rid of it is to remove the roots as well. Akhil and Ned will work on identifying sites around Fayston for knotweed control. In addition, Akhil will work on a spreadsheet to keep track of volunteers willing to “adopt-a-site”. Concern was expressed concerning roadside mowing spreading knotweed in the road ditches.

Next meeting: Wednesday July 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM