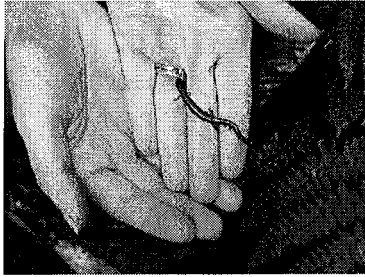


**Fayston Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**First meeting: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**



Members present:

Ky Koitzch, Mary O'Leary, Patti Greene-Swift, Ned Kelley, Jane Lazorchak, and Stellan Wollmar. Members absent: Peter Forbes.

The Fayston Natural Resource Committee (FNRC) met for the first time on July 12, 2007. Members voted in the following committee positions and persons to fill those positions:

Motion: Stellan Wollmar moved, and Ned Kelly seconded to appoint Ky Koitzch as Chair of the FNRC. Vote yes: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Patti Greene-Swift moved, and Jane Lazorchak seconded to appoint Mary O'Leary as Treasurer of the FNRC. Vote yes: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Jane Lazorchak moved, and Mary O'Leary seconded to appoint Patti Greene-Swift Secretary of the FNRC. Vote yes: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed the terms for the three positions and agreed that initially all positions will be held for one year.

Initial tasks for the FNRC were identified as follows:

1. Ancient roads research & field exploration
2. Management & education for the Chase Brook parcel
3. Public education & outreach (including guides for NR areas)
4. Find ways in which the Fayston & Waitsfield Natural Heritage Study can be integrated for use by the town, make recommendations.
5. Public outreach to keep the public and town apprised of the FNRC activities

The first item from the list members decided to tackle was the ancient roads research & field exploration. To start the process members identified tasks

associated with ancient roads and put those tasks into the following list of work items as follows:

1. Education about the ancient roads legislation for the FNRC members. Mary will do a write-up and Patti will find legal definitions for different classes of town roads, and identify what the process encompasses for downgrading roads to trails.
2. Create maps for the FNRC to work with as a group.
3. Identify ancient roads not thrown up, and of interest, that came from research already accomplished by Patti Lewis.
4. Gather landowner information.
5. Present to Select Board our findings, thoughts, recommendations, and come to an agreement on future actions.
6. Create public presentation, contact landowners via letter/phone and invite them as well as the public, by newspaper & web to a meeting to discuss the who, what, when, where, and why of the ancient roads project. Work with public to get consensus on which roads to keep & which to potentially throw up.
7. Public meeting for ancient roads.
8. Create from public meeting suggestions for the Select Board.
9. Present to Select Board

Chase Brook/Town Forest parcel:

The Chase Brook/Town Forest parcel forest management plan & education opportunities were discussed by members. Members agreed to begin exploration of the site and start the formulation of ideas for how to implement educational activities thereon.

Other town commissions:

The FNRC members discussed inviting a member of another natural resource committee/commission to enlighten members about their town NR commission/committee functions. Members also entertained the idea of attending another NR committee/commission's meeting either singly or en masse.

Homework for members:

Become familiar with ancient road sites around town  
Visit Chase Brook Parcel (all)  
Contact MRVPG (Jane)  
Get binders for group members (Patti)

Next Meetings:

7:00 p.m. July 30, 2007  
7:00 p.m. August 13, 2007  
7:00 p.m. August 27, 2007

Agenda for 7:00 p.m. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

1. Member introductions
2. Create list of roads
3. Write up on process of ancient roads
4. Legal types of roads & the process for downgrading a road to a trail
5. New business/Old business

Motion: Jane Lazorchak moved, and Ky Koitzch seconded to adjourn. Vote yes:  
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully,  
Patti Greene-Swift, FNRC Secretary