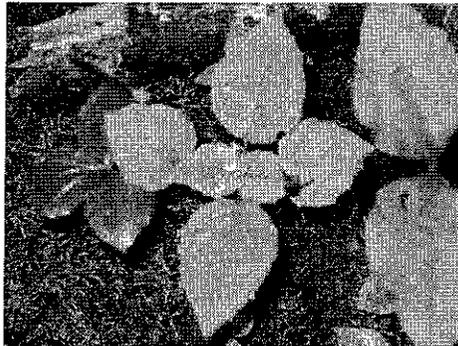


**Fayston Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2008**



Members present:

Ky Koitzsch, Chair, Patti Green-Swift, Mary O'Leary

Absent: Stellan Wollmar, Ned Kelley, Peter Forbes, Jane Lazorchak

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 2008.

Note: Ky will not be able to attend this meeting.

Minutes:

1. We have been a little casual about reviewing and accepting minutes from previous meetings as the last couple have been informal or in the field, so we did not approve any minutes from previous meetings.
2. Using current town tax maps, abutting lot numbers and current landowners to the Chase Brook parcel were identified for future communications about the Chase Brook Parcel Management and how they might be able to help the cause.
3. Trying to figure out the next step of the Chase Brook Parcel management implementation, Mary suggested we create a Chase Brook Parcel Action Plan that would organize and list action items taken from the management plan. At the time of this writing, Mary has completed this and has sent a copy to all committee members. Great job Mary! As Mary described in her email, the action plan would be a dynamic document that would list the items we have completed with our management scheme as well as tasks to be completed by a specified date.
4. We agreed with the Ancient Roads issue that an action plan would be helpful here as well so Patti GS volunteered to get us a first draft of that. Concerning the ancient roads issue and our struggle to continue moving forward, we decided to further trim our list down to "roads" that are currently being used for recreation. I volunteered to do the trimming so will post the new list with my thoughts ASAP. We also decided that if any committee member wants to still pursue a "road" that has been removed from the list that they would have to do the research on it.

Agenda items for next meeting

1. Review Chase Brook Parcel Action Plan and be prepared to offer input. Also, Jane sent to us all a link to the Riparian Buffer Guidance Document used by the state. We can all review that as well and suggest what parts of this need to be added to our Action Plan. Thanks for getting this to us all Jane!
2. Review Ancient Roads Action Plan and be prepared to offer input.
3. Revisit how we may want to get Arrowwood data to Fayston residents.
4. Continue dialog of October 4th Town Picnic at Knoll farm.

Homework for members:

1. Jane is going to get us information on the culverts in the Slide/Chase Brook drainages so we can discuss how to improve them for wildlife habitat conductivity specifically for the mink.
2. Jane is also going to get some data together on a recent brook trout population study in the Chase Brook. (Maybe on water quality as well?)
3. Patti GS is going to draft an Action Plan for the ancient roads project.
4. Ky will send a letter to the Commissioner of Forest, Parks and Recreation requesting the Chase Brook Parcel to be designated as a Town Forest.
5. Ky will edit list of ancient roads to pursue.
6. Peter will look into "Mink Crossing" signs. Peter can you also look into the small round signs like the Catamount Trail uses? We were thinking of using something like this to mark the boundary of the Chase Brook parcel. Thanks.
7. Mary already finished her homework so she can play!!! Good job and thanks Mary!

Have fun and enjoy the summer!

Respectfully submitted,
Ky Koitzsch, Chair