

Fayston Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes
June 2nd, 2008

Members present:

Ky Koitzsch, Chair, Ned Kelley, Stellan Wollmar, Patti Greene-Swift, and Peter Forbes.
Absent: Mary O'Leary and Jane Lazorchak

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Chase Brook Parcel. Members will meet in the parking lot across from the Fayston Elementary School near the bridge.

Homework for members:

Research on assigned ancient roads as agreed upon by members.
Patti write article for the V.R., others comment
Peter, Ned, and Stellan work on a letter/brochure to new residents
Peter will look into the specifics of mink crossing signs
Ky will bring surveys of the Chase Brook parcel to our next meeting
All: bring compass, GPS if you got one, Patti will bring some flagging
Patti send out the draft Natural Resource Chapter from the Town Plan

Minutes:

Stellan Wollmar moved, and Peter Forbes seconded to approve the minutes of April 28th, 2008. Minutes unanimously approved.

Issues discussed:

Chase Brook Parcel Management:

The plan is to have a mink walk with Kim Royar at 5:30, and then a pot-luck dinner and educational show about our wild neighbors in the Mad River Valley with the spotlight on mink after at 6:00 p.m. Kim will have fur-bearer display and a power-point for the evening's attendants.

(Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the June 17th date has been cancelled.)

The lean-to for Chase Brook is a welcome idea from the Fayston Elementary School—members will move forward with more ideas for the lean-to.

FNRC members agree that Peter's idea for mink crossing signs are a fun & educational tool for mink management. Peter will explore the cost, etc.

It is time to flag the boundaries of the Chase Brook parcel, thus members will meet outside at the Chase Brook parking lot across from the F.E.S. on June 23rd, 2008.

Ancient Roads Issues:

Progress towards gaining more information on our assigned ancient roads was discussed, and members still have some research to accomplish.

FNRC will sponsor annual Fayston picnic:

The Select Board liked the idea of the FNRC sponsored annual town picnic at the Knoll Farm on Bragg Hill. Members discussed hikes, pot-luck dinner, and a bon fire. The date has not yet been determined.

Valley Conservation Commissions:

Members discussed the functions and processes by which other valley conservation commissions operate, and members agreed that it would be a good idea to attend other town's conservation commission meetings in small groups (if possible).

Information for new landowners:

The idea for a brochure and/or letter for new members of the community was processed by the FNRC. Items to include on such a brochure ranged widely and included:

- Wildlife & habitat
- Conservation
- Community culture
- Community services
- Posting land
- Town services
- Welcome & respect the land signs
- Town Boards and their functions

Other items discussed:

- The hidden cost of development
- Site visits for parcels under consideration for Conditional Use or Subdivision
- Start scheduling meetings outside for the summer

Agenda items for next meeting

The next meeting will be outside at Chase Brook & we will be actively engaged in flagging the parcel. Bring water, GPS if you've got one, flagging, a compass, and whatever else you need for the outdoors.

Be well & enjoy the warm weather.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Greene-Swift