

**Fayston Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009**

Members present

Everyone was present: Patti, Jane, Cory, Ned, and Ky were present.

May Minutes, 2009:

Revisions were noted to the May minutes that needed to be addressed prior to approval. These include:

- Take out the paragraph about Cory's vision for her own independent work in the future;
- Add discussion about minimizing the movement of Japanese knotweed with Select Board and Stuart;
- Add amphibian crossings and culverts discussion with SB and Stuart; and
- Add discussion of biophysical regions to wetlands discussion under Chase Brook Management plan session.

Ky made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Patti moved and Ned seconded. All were in favor.

ACTION ITEMS: Jane will make amendments to May minutes.

Three Town Conservation Commission meeting

The tri-town meeting is Thursday, September 17th at Knoll Farm. It will start at 6:15 for those who want a tour of Knoll Farm's Renewable energy program and 7:00pm for the meeting. Ned has contacted Margo Wade, Chair of the Warren CC, and Leo Lafierre, Chair of the Waitsfield CC, to let them know.

NO ACTION ITEMS

Chase Brook Town Forest:

Field Trips:

Cory said June 9th would be the date for the field trip with 5 and 6 graders. Ky and Ned are planning to attend to help. The field trip will include: 1) inside twig ID; 2) browse selection discussion led by Ned and Ky, specifically focused on the differences between moose and deer; 3) the natural history of Chase Brook and why it supports these two species; 4) twig ID game; and 5) time in the field looking at habitats used by deer and moose.

Cory said June 17th would be the date for the field trip with 1 and 2 graders between 9:30 am and 10:55. Jane is planning to attend to assist on this one. This trip will include: 1) reading of "The Bugliest Bug" by Cory; 2) discussion of bug collection techniques; 3) field time collecting bugs; and 4) sharing of group's bugliest bugs. For this field trip, we need to round up supplies still. These include:

- fish trays
- bug boxes

- nets
- white sheets

Other work at Chase Brook:

We discussed finalizing the boundary marker. Patti is going to re-draw the mink and send it to Jane. Once Jane has put it together, she will send the final illustration to the group and then send it along to the sign maker. Jane will also redo the transect map for the mammal monitoring project.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Attend field trips where committed
- Gather supplies for field trips
- Patti will re-draw the mink
- Jane will redesign the boundary marker and send it around to the group and get it to the sign maker

Forests, Wildlife Communities Project

Jane provided the group with an update from the last Steering Committee meeting of this project. The main highlights are as follows:

- August 18 will be multi-board meeting hosted by the Fayston PC that we should all plan to attend. There will be a presentation made by Jens Hilke from Fish and Wildlife and Jamey Fidel from VNRC about the goals of the project, ways to be involved and some basic conservation biology principles. We all noted that we need to ensure that DRB members attend and we should coordinate with Shayne to figure out how to get them there.
- We discussed a lot of the outreach goals identified by FWC project as important and the Fayston NRC determined that a presence at the farmer's market this summer was a really great idea that we should run with. We would have Arrowwood maps on hand and a handout explaining the data, how we are using it and how community members can get involved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jane will send an e-mail to Shayne about inviting the DRB members to Fayston PC meeting in August.
- Jane will begin the discussion with the FWC project steering committee about producing a laminated set of maps and a handout to use at the farmer's market. She will also float this idea with the Waitsfield and Warren CC's. If they are interested, she will setup a doodle calendar for folks to sign up for a Saturday.

Next Meetings:

Our next meeting is July 13th

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jane Lazorchak, FNRC Member