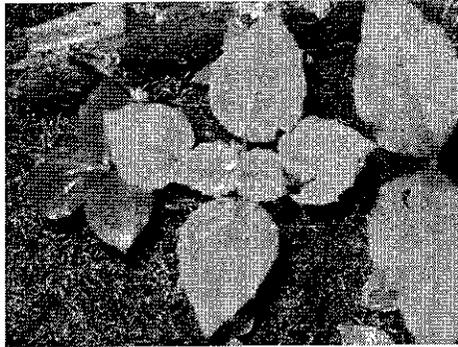


Fayston Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009



Members present

Patti, Jane, Peter Forbes, Cory and Ned were present. Members absent: Stellan and Ky.

February Minutes, 2009:

Motion: Jane moved it and Ned seconded it. All in favor. Motion approved.

Town meeting

We thanked Patti for the great job on the presentation board at Town meeting. All thought it was quite successful. Members also thanked Cory for speaking passionately on Article 20 about taxation of renewable energy projects. We talked about the passage of Article 20 on renewable energy, that it had been passed in Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston. Peter suggested FNRC hold a public meeting to talk about how article 20 should be administered and to learn how other towns might be approaching that challenge.

Tracking Debrief:

Patti, Cory and Ned had fun and appreciated the event though they wished for larger public participation. Because of a storm that day, the event was largely snowed out.

Three Town Conservation Meeting:

This was reported to have been very successful and beneficial and the Fayston participants hoped it would be continued. Jane thought it was great and helped Fayston to build social and professional relationships with the other conservation commissions. Ned said he hoped it would be held again. As it is Fayston's town to host the meeting next, the committee asked Peter if it could be held in September at Knoll Farm. Peter agreed and said he would offer up some September dates at the May meeting.

Chase Brook Management Plan:

The majority of the meeting was spent on continuing our work on the Chase Brook Management plan. First the group reviewed the vision statement and

Jane, Cory and Patti all made helpful suggestions to Peter who took notes for a next draft of this vision statement.

Our April meeting will be devoted to a review by Patti of the physical site. If Patti has time and some luck, she will invite the state geologist or someone else familiar with the physical characteristics of the site.

Jane offered to lead us on the next section in May (or June if Jane is not back from travels) on Context and land-use history. For this, Jane said she would look into local community historians who could present to us in May or June.

Fayston Elementary School Session:

New date for the next meeting is March 17, 2009 9:15-10:45 am. Cory has updated and greatly improved upon the monitoring forms. Cory and Jane will do the inside class piece. Ned and Patti and Caitlin will facilitate the transects. Jane did a great job putting GIS coordinates on all the maps, and we agreed upon the map.

Student leaders should use compasses and show the other kids how to use them. Cory has designed an excellent curriculum with four "stories in the snow" to help kids figure out what happened in each scenario. The committee spent time creating the four scenarios that would be depicted in these stories.

Next Meetings:

April 13, 2009 is our next meeting

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Members unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Peter Forbes, FNRC Member