

**Fayston Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2009**



Members present

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

April Minutes, 2009:

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

Three Town Conservation Commission meeting

Peter suggested Thursday, September 17th at Knoll Farm as the date and location for the three town conservation commission meeting. Peter suggested 6:15 for those who want a tour of Knoll Farm's Renewable energy program and 7:00pm for the meeting. Ned said he would get those dates to Margo Wade.

Chase Brook Management Plan:

Patti shared the soil maps for the property and for Fayston at large and we had great discussions about soils in general. Patti pointed out our soil information is now part of the town plan and, hopefully, will become part of the zoning regulations. We typically have acidic soils in Fayston. The committee agreed that we want to do field trips to educate ourselves more about soils and geology. At this meeting, we all learned a fair amount about basic geology and discussed biophysical regions of the state in order to better understand the significance of how Chase Brook Town Forest fits in.

Peter agreed to make the next round of revisions to the vision statement and to have that for the June meeting.

Cory offered to do the Current Use section for July.

There was also discussion with Stuart about minimizing the spread of Japanese knotweed in Chase Brook but also elsewhere in town when FNRC met with the Select Board.

Amphibian Crossings:

The committee also met with the Fayston board of selectmen about the salamander crossings from the vernal pool on German Flats crossing. The Selectmen agreed that the road foreman, Stuart, would help next year to set up traffic cones. They might also consider installing larger culverts that would accommodate the amphibians.

Field Trip:

Cory said June 17th would be the date for the field trip with 1 and 2 graders between 9:30 am and 10:55. Ky and Jane said they would help out. They may focus on observing forest floor and reading The Buggiest Bug and then going outside and searching for them.

Field work at Chase Brook:

Ky hopes to take out all non-essential flagging at Chase Brook. We should take out all the flagging except the transects. Also take down the flagging on boundary. We agreed that we wouldn't mark the boundary that crosses the river until we can contact the landowners that about the town forest.

We also spoke about taking out the dead balsams and, eventually, getting students involved in creating signage for Chase Brook.

Next Meetings:

Our next meeting is June 8th and the agenda is:

Plan out tri-town conservation commission meeting
Debrief on Forest, Wildlife and Communities meetings
Plan for Fayston school field trip

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Peter Forbes, FNRC Member