

## Fayston Conservation Commission

### MINUTES

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. Corrie moved to approve the minutes from May 25, 2022. Ned seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was approved.
2. Community Rec Visioning update  
The Steering Committee has been formed and the first meeting will be scheduled in the beginning of July.
3. Boyce Hill update
  - The Boyce Hill SC has hired Amy Sheldon, of Landslide, LLC, as the consultant to complete the management plan. Amy is the Middlebury State Representative and Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. The SC had their first meeting with Amy last week.
  - Lisa will email Chuck and the rest of the SB to ensure they are aware of the BHTF's Steering Committee's plan to only mow around part of the pond this summer in case they receive an offer or pressure to mow.
  - Lisa will send the last SC minutes to FCC members and will try to remember to do that after every meeting!
4. Phen Basin  
Discussion re: Natural Areas Policy that is being drafted by the State and includes Phen Basin. The FCC is very committed to protecting this pristine block of habitat and preserving the Ecological Protection Zone from any recreational development. Akhil is drafting a letter to the Mad River Riders to let them know that we're communicating with Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation about our hope that FPR honor the easement in the Ecological Protection Zone, but to be clear that we're not advocating against mountain biking in general, and to invite the MRR to more communication with Fayston on trail maintenance and future projects.
5. Wildlife Corridors  
Lisa and Corrie will be meeting with Arrowwood Consulting in the next week or so to discuss moving forward with a wildlife corridors mapping project for Fayston, as the SB has approved our ARPA funding request for this work.
6. Chase Brook  
There will be a work party on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 3 pm to clean up the area around the McCullough Barn and begin clearing out the brush that has grown over the old nature trail.
7. Our next meeting will be AUGUST 12, 2022, at 8:30 AM.