

FAYSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 7, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Lisa Koitzsch, Corrie Miller, Geri Procaccini, Akhil Kaplan, Ned Kelley

ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

1. **Everyone:** Before Town Meeting on March 3, 2020, ask Fayston residents to attend and voice support for funding for the management of the Boyce Hill Town Forest. Attend Town Meeting to speak on behalf of funding for the new Town Forest.
2. **Lisa:** Verify with the Select Board the amount of funding for FCC. Complete the FCC report to the town. Pass on Wood & Wood information to Ned and Akhil. Follow up with Mike Jordan regarding conversation with adjacent landowner.
3. **Geri and Akhil:** Complete survey to community members regarding composting practices and submit to FPF.
4. **Corrie:** Write a request for proposal (RFP) for a professional Natural Resources Inventory of Boyce Hill Town Forest.
5. **Ned/Akhil:** Recruit an assistant (Judy?) to help install 4 additional signs at the boundaries of the Boyce Hill property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa moved to approve the minutes from December 3 2019 meeting. Akhil seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

BOYCE PROPERTY UPDATE

The Town took ownership of the Boyce Hill Town Forest on December 10th, 2019. No Parking signs have been installed at the plow turn-around at the top of Boyce Road and below Marie Saylor's. Warning signs have been placed at the pond and next to the cellar hole. Wood & Wood is working on a welcome sign for the front gate, and three boundary signs for existing trails to the property. These will be installed as soon as they are finished. Dan Singleton, Washington County Forester, walked the Boyce property with Lisa and Corrie and brought up the issue of invasive species as a possible future concern. Corrie suggested a committee or volunteer group to be assigned to invasive maintenance. Lisa will include in the Town Report that the longer-term management planning process for the new Town Forest will likely take at least 2 years. The first year will be focused on collecting information and educating the public, while the second year will focus on public input and writing the management plan.

MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Corrie confirmed that the FCC made a small donation to the Vermont Master Naturalist Program. The program has successfully recruited attendees for its 2020 course in the Mad River Valley.

FAYSTON COMPOST PROJECT

The FCC is asking Fayston residents to complete a survey on composting. A link will be provided through Front Porch Forum (FPF).

The next FCC meeting will be held at the Fayston Town Hall on Tuesday, 2/18/20, at 6:30PM.

*No FCC meeting in March is scheduled due to Town Meeting. Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for April 7 and May 5, 2020.