



Fayston Conservation Commission
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Present via Zoom: Akhil Kaplan, Lisa Koitzsch, Ned Kelley, Patty Pasley, Corrie Miller, Janet Saylor (guest), Marie Saylor (guest)

1. Ned moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 16, 2022. Akhil seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was approved.
2. There were two members of the public present but there was no public comment.
3. The FCC welcomed new member Patty Pasley! Patty has been very active already as the Fayston Green Up Day Coordinator and the designated stewardMRV representative for the Chase Brook Town Forest. Lisa will be speaking with Amy Dalton, a new Fayston resident, about her interest in joining the FCC.
4. ARPA project discussion
 - a. Community Visioning – Corrie provided a summary of this project and its status. Akhil currently represents the FCC and Corrie is the Friends of the Mad River (FMR) representative. Corrie will be leaving FMR soon, and she will likely step in – with Akhil – as the FCC rep.
 - b. Wildlife Corridors – Fayston would like to identify important wildlife corridors and analyze the impact of road infrastructure on the movement of wildlife. The next steps for this project are for Corrie and Lisa to contact Arrowwood and Jens Hilke to determine the cost of further GIS analysis of Fayston’s habitat data and a timeline for the project.
 - c. Knotweed – A pilot project will be developed to create an inventory of knotweed in the upper reaches of Fayston streams and roadways and solicit help in removing this invasive species. Help will be solicited from Jito Coleman of the Warren Conservation Commission.
 - d. McCullough Barn – A concrete floor in the barn will allow for increased use of the structure for educational and community purposes. Lisa will solicit quotes from 3 concrete contractors in the next few weeks.

- e. Boyce Hill – The Steering Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to iron out details for the long-term management plan. A contractor has been hired to do the writing.
5. In September, the Big Basin Trustees generously contributed \$2000 to the Fayston Conservation Reserve Fund. Lisa has written a thank you note on behalf of the FCC.
 6. All agreed to invite Karen Sauther, Planning Commission Chair, to one of the next FCC meetings.
 7. The Select Board will soon be working on the Town budget for next year and the FCC will need to submit funding requests soon.
 8. Lisa has been representing the FCC on the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan revision. Included in that plan will be the knotweed and wildlife corridor projects.
 9. Lisa has also been representing the FCC on the Mad River Valley Bear Initiative. The Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce website has been updated to include information about bears, several speakers have given presentations to the MRV community, articles have appeared in the VR and on FPF, and Initiative members have been working on trash container solutions.
 10. Lisa will send out an email with suggestions for an October meeting date.