

Fayston Natural Resources Committee
September 3, 2013
Minutes

Present: Ky Koitzsch, Lisa Koitzsch, Cory Stephenson, Ned Kelley, Gene Fialkoff, Carol Chamberlin

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cory: Send Conservation Fund guidelines to everyone
Lisa: Ask Patti Lewis about CR Fund/FNRC account balances
Talk to Patti Lewis about Select Board meeting schedule for September
Ky: Continue moving forward with shed roof construction on barn
Ned: Mark trees to remove on road near barn and check with neighbors
EVERYONE: Continue review of Natural Resources section of town plan and submit comments to Carol
Review Conservation Fund guidelines and prepare for SB meeting

1. Conservation Reserve Fund

FNRC needs to meet with the Select Board to discuss the plan for funding the CRF in 2014. Lisa will contact Patti to see when we can meet with the SB, and Cory will re-send guidelines to FNRC members for review. Members discussed asking for \$10,000 in 2014. Discussion focused on whether to make CRF a line item in Fayston Town budget instead of a new article every year and how to better educate public about the process and administration of the Fund.

2. Fayston School Sidewalk Plans

Cory reported that options have been presented to the Select Board and that the final draft of the plan will be reviewed by the public on 9/4/13. The most popular idea includes the creation of a new parking lot across from the school adjacent to the McCullough Barn parking lot.

3. Fayston Town Plan

Editing and review continue chapter by chapter on the Town Plan. This is the time for FNRC members to add their suggestions and comments. Carol has been working on the Natural Resources section of the Fayston Town Plan and welcomes any input. One particular section to pay attention to is the Goals and Objectives that is found at the end of the NR chapter. FNRC members should review and discuss at next meeting. Lisa provided edits to Carol and noted the absence of any discussion of invasive species, wind towers, and ridgeline protection in the NR section.

4. McCullough Barn

Stewart Hallstrom moved dirt to the side of the barn where a new shed roof will be constructed. Ed Read has offered to help install the concrete pillars. Ky presented a draft plan for the shed roof for all to review. Tentative plan for installation of the roof will be in October. Thanks to Stan for continued mowing efforts and to Ned for knotweed removal!

5. Mad River Path

Cory met with MRP representatives regarding connectivity and trail easements between Chase Brook Town Forest and other trail networks. The McCullough Barn can serve as a hub for the MRP and trail activity in this area. Cory mentioned that 65 acres of land are for sale in Hidden Woods at the moment. This is the land between the Mad River Barn and German Flats Road.

7. Next FNRC meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00pm at the Fayston Town Offices. We will need to approve minutes from previous meetings.**