New YouTube Documentary: The Hill Farm History of Boyce Hill

Uncovering the Stories That Shaped the Land

The Fayston Conservation Commission is thrilled to announce the release of a captivating new YouTube documentary exploring the rich hill farm history of Boyce Hill in Fayston, Vermont. This insightful Vermont Master Naturalist film features historian Samantha Ford, whose meticulous research brings to life the stories of the families who once called Boyce Hill home. Through a deep dive into old deeds and newspaper archives, her discoveries illuminate the connections between the land and those who worked it, revealing how generations shaped and were shaped by Boyce Hill. Viewers will also learn how the well-preserved remnants of stone fences, a corral and cellar hole serve as silent storytellers, offering tangible clues about how the land was used, cultivated, and eventually passed on to the Town of Fayston.

While these features deepen our appreciation of Vermont's rural heritage and the legacies that remain etched upon its hillsides, Boyce Hill is more than just an historical site. It is a landscape that wants to evolve from cultivated land to forest. Alicia Daniel, founder of the Vermont Master Naturalist program, guides conversations with members of the Fayston Conservation Commission about the overall management plan for the property, balancing goals to support wildlife habitat, soil conservation, native vegetation, passive recreation, and cultural and ecological education.

Don't miss this journey into Boyce Hill's past and future! Watch the documentary at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpCx4z5gVYo. For more information on Boyce Hill and to read the complete Boyce Hill Historic Resource Survey, visit https://faystonvt.com/departments-documents/conservation-commission/.