Annual Tri-Town Conservation Commission Minutes

Warren, Waitsfield and Fayston

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Lareau Farm

Members from all three Conservation Commissions present including all members of the Fayston Conservation Commission

1. Conservation commission annual updates.
    - Each commission gave a brief overview of work in 2025.
2. Opportunities for collaboration - an open discussion regarding:
    - Ongoing efforts:
        - knotweed eradication
        - CRV
        - MRV Bear Initiative as work that continues to benefit from collaboration
    - Continuing efforts to assess and protect wildlife corridors, including habitat mapping
3. Focus for 2026
    - Discussed centering commission efforts behind one overarching and galvanizing issue. Groups agreed to centering work around 30 by 30. Vermont's 30x30 Initiative, established by Act 59, aims to conserve 30% of the state's land by 2030 and 50% by 2050 to protect biodiversity, support working farms, and enhance climate resilience.
    - Discussed creating a tri-town campaign where each Commission would have one or two members serve as a point person/people to coordinate and move the initiative forward
    - Identified an early goal of preparing a tri-town statement on 30x30 in the Valley by January 2026.
    - Suggested utilizing the biodiversity speaker series to push the 30x30 valley initiative forward