

**Fayston Conservation Committee**  
**July 25, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Gene Fialkoff, Akhil Kaplan, Lisa Koitzsch, Ky Koitzsch, Corrie Miller

**ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING**

- Lisa:** Continue to collect past minutes not posted on Town website; talk to Patti about money left in FNRC budget; ask Carol Chamberlain about details of bridge grant; send group FCC mission, Town Forest Management Plan, and draft text for Chase Brook trailhead kiosk; talk to Josh Schwartz about timeline, content, and process for Chase Brook trailhead kiosk, and other Fayston kiosks; look into AVCC membership status
- Ky:** Follow up on bridge construction; talk to MRP about press release; draft name change article/notice for Valley Reporter, FPF, and MRVPD list serve
- Akhil:** Research possible venues for next Tri-Town meeting
- Corrie:** Draft minutes
- ALL:** Review language for Chase Brook TF trailhead kiosk
- Idea(s):** Consider “What is ‘conservation’?” as a theme for the Tri-Town meeting

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- Ky moved to approve the minutes from our June 20, 2018 meeting, Gene seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

**2. Review of Commission’s Name Change**

- At their July 10, 2018 meeting, the Fayston Selectboard approved the group’s name change from Natural Resources Committee to Fayston Conservation Commission.
- The Commission discussed if and how we should notify the community of this change. All agreed that it made sense to write a short article/notice and send to Valley Reporter, FPF, and the MRVPD list-serve that would also welcome community members to our meetings. Ky offered to take the lead in drafting this piece.

**3. Chase Brook Town Forest – Update on Bridge and Trail Work**

- Ky reported that the new trail above bridge is progressing and that the far side bridge ramp needs one more 20-foot section constructed (to enable safe crossing of seep). Ky is following up. A press release will be drafted when project is complete.
- Thanks to Ed Read and crew for brush-hogging by the McCullough barn!
- The Commission discussed a possible future “loop connector” trail for users who wanted to turn around before crossing to the Marble Hill Farm property.

**4. Chase Brook Town Forest – Trail Kiosk**

- Commission reviewed draft language for Chase Brook TF Trail Kiosk and made suggestions. Group agreed that we think it is important to get the language right, even if it means a slower timeline. Lisa will talk to Josh Schwartz about timeline, content, and process for Chase Brook trailhead kiosk, and other Fayston kiosks.

#### **5. Future Meetings & Minute-Takers**

- Aug 15, 7:15 pm – Ky will take minutes
- Sept 19, 7:15 pm – Akhil will take minutes
- Oct 17, 7:15 pm – Gene will take minutes
- Sept 29, 8:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT - Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) Summit; Theme: *"Caring for Vermont's Waters – What We Can Do!"*

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 15th at 7:15 pm at the Fayston Town Offices.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Corrie Miller