

Fayston Natural Resources Committee
December 13th, 2011
Minutes

Present: Ned Kelley, Ky Koitzsch, Lisa Koitzsch, Cory Stephenson, Gene Fialkoff, Stan Button

1. Minutes

The minutes from 10/11/11 and 11/8/11 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

2. Review

Stan Button joined FNRC for his first meeting. Ky gave a brief overview of the Committee's recent activities, including the McCullough Barn, the Tri-town Conservation meeting, True North proposal review, potential Conservation Reserve Fund, Bragg Hill Farm and knotweed control.

3. Fayston Conservation Reserve Fund

Cory presented draft wording of a notice to be placed in the Fayston Town Report prior to Town Meeting asking people to consider the creation of a Conservation Reserve Fund.

Cory will get feedback from Liza Walker and Jared Cadwell before our next meeting.
Lisa will ask SB re: delinquent tax funds.

4. Tri-Town Conservation

A monthly article by the Valley's three conservation commissions was discussed.

Cory will speak to Caitrin about the articles.
Ned will ask Lisa Loomis if there is space in the VR for a monthly column.

5. Fayston Town Report

The FNRC report for 2011 needs to be written for inclusion in the Town Report.

Cory volunteered to draft the report for review by other Committee members.
Lisa will ask Patti for copies of last year's Town Report.

6. McCullough Barn Project

The foundation excavation was more expensive than anticipated as crews were hampered by several unexpected obstacles, including a very large boulder and a spring. Extra materials had to be brought in to complete the project. Funds from the Mad River Rec District were used to pay for the excavation and the foundation. We still need to obtain the \$2,500 promised to the FNRC by the Mad River Rotary.

Stan, Ned and Gene expressed an interest in helping to restore some of the barn timbers this winter. Currently, FNRC plans to raise the barn in the late spring.

Ned will contact the Rotary to request the funds.
Ned will also contact Patti Lewis to have her write the FNRC a check for the \$1000 held in reserve for the barn.

7. True North

The Act 250 hearings pertaining to wildlife habitat still have not been scheduled. FNRC discussed reviewing land use regulations for the parcel and look into details of the Act 250 Wildlife Criteria.

Lisa will review these documents prior to next meeting.
Ky will find out when Act 250 meeting will be.

8. Waitsfield Conservation Fund

Ky reported that Waitsfield has helped to conserve 8 parcels of land with help from their Rest Room Recreation and Conservation Reserve Fund. The annual town budget includes a line item for this fund and every year, the Select Board determines the amount to be administered. In 2011, \$10,000 was allocated by the town to their Conservation Reserve Fund.

Gene will speak to the Warren Conservation Commission and find out the history of their Conservation Fund.

9. Next FNRC meeting will be on January 10, 2011 at 7:00pm at the offices of Alces Post & Beam. (At the writing of these minutes, the meeting will be held on Monday the 9th at 6:16 at the Town Office to accommodate an appearance before the Select Board.)