

**Fayston Conservation Commission
September 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Corrie Miller, Akhil Kaplan, Lisa Koitzsch, Ky Koitzsch, Geri Procaccini, Gene Fialkoff, Ned Kelly

ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Lisa: Will continue to pull minutes together and upload them to Town web site. Talk to John Weir about an update name on Town website. Will work with Corrie on grant from VT Community Fund. Waiting to hear back from tri town chairs before booking Flatbread for meeting. Contact Catamount to attend meeting.

Ky: Draft FNRC to FCC name change article for paper.

Geri: Will talk to Chairs of Fayston and Waitsfield CCs about dates and location for Tri-Town meeting.

Akhil: Talk with Jean at Fayston Elementary about project options for students in CB Town Forest. Will follow through with George Schenk once we confirm a date. Will facilitate meeting with John Atkinson, Ky and Mike Martini regarding the entrance to chase brook near bridge. Akhil will ask Josh Schwartz and Liza Walker whether their respective groups are going to pursue a grand with LWCF.

1. Minutes

Corrie moved to approve the minutes from our August 29th meeting, Ned seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

2. Chase Brook Bridge

The base was put in and decked. The trail still needs to be completed between the bridge and the switchback section above the old downstream bridge. John A. said they would be working to complete this section of trail over the next few weeks. We will wait to put out a press release about the new bridge, ramps and trail until all are completed. We also discussed the use of funding (\$2,225) acquired through the Vermont Community Foundation for the construction of the new bridge. We will consider reimbursing the Mad River Path Association for some of their material expenses. They have closed the last three switchbacks, the corridor along chase brook and the yellow blazed trail.

3. Mad River Valley Planning District – Trail Kiosk Update

Lisa updated us on the Chase Brook Town Forest kiosk text and map. Lisa is waiting for verbage from Bob Kogut for the tucker hill kiosk. She asked that each of us review the map for accuracy and comments.

4. Other business

Tri-Town Meeting: We are waiting to hear back from the other conservation committee chairs to determine if Nov8 would be a good date for meeting as it works for George. Once we confirm a date, Akhil will be in touch with George to confirm. We do have money in our general fund for refreshments.

We discussed possibly applying for a grant from the Land & Water Conservation Fund to perform maintenance on existing trails or to purchase new property. Oct 15 is the deadline.

Fayston Elementary School Student Projects: Akhil asked about any potential Town Forest projects for the Fayston Elementary School Students. Members expressed interest in revitalizing the nature path that Cory Stevenson worked on with the students. Other possible projects included a natural art exhibit, Dog walk loop trail constructed and named by students, and potential Geo-caching sites. Ky and I walked the prospective dog loop today and marked. We can get the Mad River Riders to participate hopefully with this project.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 17 at 7:15 pm at the Fayston Town Offices.
(Gene will take Minutes)

Respectfully submitted,
Akhil Kaplan, FCC Member