

TOWN OF COLEBROOK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes

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COLEBROOK TOWN CLERK

Members Present:

Shayne Young, Ed Lestinsky, Sally Stebbins, Joyce Hemingson, Linda Bickford, Edna Travis

Public or Others in attendance: Alesia Maltz

Meeting called to order at 7:02

1. Approval of minutes from April – Shayne moved to approve; Ed seconded.

2. Officer and Committee reports: discussion of members' terms and recruitment of new members. Discussed having alternates instead of regular members so we would always have a quorum.

Discussion of culverts: Land Conservancy donated money for an inventory of culverts.

3. Old business:

a. Discussion of roadside spraying and the alternatives to spraying: a non toxic solution of salt and vinegar is a possibility and/or weed whacking.

b. Discussed maintaining roadsides with regard to invasives; members were enthusiastic about the idea of a poster detailing the top ten invasive plants in Colebrook and how to spot them.

c. Colebrook Clean Up Day was a success, with 25 volunteers showing up. Tom McKeon sent a thank you note. Next year we will make it clear that volunteers can clean the roadsides all weekend, not just Saturday morning. Also discussed the idea of asking residents directly if they would be willing to clean a section of their road.

d. Cooper Trail Walk will be Sunday, June 2 at 2:00. Rain or shine. We will provide cookies and lemonade. Notices have been sent to the school and through the town website. The Register Citizen and the Torrington radio station have been informed. We are also listed on the website for the CT Trails Day (www.ctwoodlands.org).

Shayne will lead the walk and Joyce will provide plant identification.

3. New business: discussion of Charlie Arnold property and whether or not we should create a trail there.

Discussed a possible meeting with the Land Conservancy sometime in the future.

We reviewed meeting schedule and decided to keep it as is for now.

Move to adjourn made by Shayne; seconded by Linda. Meeting adjourned at 7:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bickford