

Town of Colebrook Conservation Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Conference Call # 202-926-1117
Access code 34107
May 10, 2022

Members present: Joyce Hemingson, Edna Travis, Linda Bickford, Robbie Lawton

Meeting called to order: 7:17 pm

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 12 meeting made by Linda, seconded by Joyce. Unanimously approved.

Officer & Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

- Funding for Natural Resources project. Joyce met with Liz Lacey of the FRCC regarding the FRCC Grants Program Proposal Guidelines. There is funding available through the Farmington River Coordinating Committee. Joyce and Edna will work on this. Additional funding to be considered will be from Federal programs such as the American Rescue Plan Act and private donations.
- CT Trails Walk is Saturday June 4 from 2 to 4 pm on the Cooper Trail. Work needs to be done prior to June 4 Trail Walk. Link is https://link.edgepilot.com/s/55f883a4/xvt_aOVcCECfwtGl8BnxmA?u=https://trailsday.org/events/cooper-trail-walk/

New Business:

- Pisgah Mountain Road has been identified as an area in need of special care. The Road, which goes from the center to Sandy Brook, received scenic road status in May 1989, which means the road and the land must be maintained in a safe condition, reflecting its scenic designation. Many people walk on this road, and have noticed the extremely poor conditions there.

At this meeting we heard from three concerned Colebrook citizens regarding the care and maintenance. Abrah Carroll, Harry White and Eric Rochow offered personal observations and concerns and suggestions for resolving the issues. One suggestion is to close/delist the road, at least temporarily, while these problems are worked on.

The plan is to meet with the Town Selectmen, taking a walk along the Road to see the problem areas. Suggest that the Road be closed while the problems are remedied. Consider the option of delisting the Road. For this there would need to be consensus of adjacent landowners, the Fire Department, Emergency Services, and so on. It appears that these entities are for the most part in agreement already.

Consider forming an ad hoc group, perhaps called "Friends of Pisgah Mountain" with people who would work on the legal requirements, people who would volunteer to work on road maintenance, plant maintenance, etc.

- Correspondence: None
- Public Forum:
- Member Forum:
- Next Meeting : July 12.
- Adjournment: Following a motion by Joyce, seconded by Linda and approved by all, the Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.