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Town of Colebrook  
Conservation Committee Minutes  
October 11, 2022

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

**Meeting called to order:** 7:00 pm

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

**Officer & Committee Reports:** None

**Old Business:**

- Funding for Natural Resources project. There is funding available through the Farmington River Coordinating Committee. Joyce and Edna are working on the grant application, and will forward to the committee members soon.

**New Business:**

- 2023 meeting schedule: January 10, April 11, July 11, October 10
- Annual Report: Joyce will work with Debi on this.
- Budget: To be continued in 2023, two options for the \$400 budget are the bags for Earth Day and native plants.
- Garden Club: Joyce and Robbie will attend a meeting to discuss our plans for areas around the town hall and to see if the group might be interested in working with us.
- Joyce and Linda met with the Town Selectmen in July to discuss concerns over Pisgah Mountain Road, which 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 travel on this road, and have noticed and commented on the conditions.
- Letter to Town Selectmen: The CCC reviewed and approved a letter to the selectmen about Pisgah Mountain Road. A copy is attached. Before any work is done, the parties will meet to discuss the plans. For example, smaller stones may work better in some of the areas.
- **Correspondence:** None
- **Public Forum:**
- **Member Forum:**
- **Next Meeting :** January 10
- **Adjournment:** Following a motion by Linda, seconded by Joyce and approved by all, the Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

[Letter Selectmen 10.11.2022.pdf](#)

Colebrook Conservation Commission  
Town of Colebrook  
PO Box 5  
Colebrook, CT 06021

October 11, 2022

To: Board of Selectmen: Christopher Johnstone, Kate Kennedy, Ernie Marmer

Re: Pisgah Mountain Road

Thank you and William Jasmin, Head of the Department of Public Works (DPW), for discussing the maintenance of Pisgah Mountain Road with members of the Colebrook Conservation Commission at your July 11 meeting. This road was designated a scenic road by town ordinance in 1989 partly because it runs along Center Brook (a tributary of Sandy Brook, which empties into the West Branch of the Farmington River). Pisgah Mountain Road is used not only by motorists but also by those enjoying spending time on an undeveloped road, walking, walking their dog, bike riding, looking at native plants and animals, or snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in winter. As per the Selectmen's minutes for the July meeting, the Colebrook Conservation Commission and DPW will consult before road maintenance is conducted, and a more natural mix of processed round stone will be used on the road.

Many towns spend thousands of dollars or apply for grants to buy land so they can preserve native habitat, build walking trails, plant pollinator gardens, or create dog parks. The town of Colebrook is fortunate to already have places -- scenic Pisgah Mountain Road, the Charlie Arnold property on Eno Hill, the Colebrook Recreation Area and adjacent Cooper Trail land -- that are a benefit to residents. These areas add to the value of living in Colebrook.

The Conservation Commission looks forward to working with the Selectmen, Mr. Jasmin and the Department of Public Works to continue preserving the value of Pisgah Mountain Road for all residents. We also appreciate the support of the Public Works Department each year for Colebrook Clean Up Day in April and requests to mow Japanese Stilt Grass along Gaylord Road.

Sincerely,

Joyce Hemingson, Chair

cc:  
William Jasmin  
Colebrook Conservation Commission  
Colebrook Recreation Commission