

**Town of Colebrook
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023**

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

Meeting called to order: 7:07 pm

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from October 11, 2022 meeting made by Linda, seconded by Joyce and unanimously approved.

New Business:

***MDC. Allison Jassen of the Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) provided an update on the status of the Metropolitan District Commission's position regarding the termination or changes to the Colebrook River Reservoir and the watershed property surrounding it. The current position of the MDC is that the agreement should be terminated because the 10 billion gallons of water will never be needed as drinking water. To get the process started, the MDC would file a request for summary judgement or a petition of abandonment with the CT Department of Health. The MDC also has a contract with the Army Corp of Engineers (ACE), concerning maintenance of the Goodwin Dam.**

A number of entities, including the Towns that are included, would participate in the process. It does not appear that any of this will happen for the foreseeable future, but it must be monitored.

***Election of Officers. For 2023 the Chair will be Joyce Hemingson , the Secretary will be Robbie Lawton.**

Old Business:

***Natural Resources Inventory. Work on the grant application to the FRCC. Next step will be for the members to review.**

*** Budget. The \$400 from the 2022 budget will be used to purchase native/ pollinator plants. In addition the CCC budget should be submitted to the Town soon.**

*** Pisgah Mountain. There will be a meeting with the Town Selectman and a walk along the Pisgah Mountain Road in March. More to come.**

Correspondence: None

Public Forum:

Member Forum:

Next Meeting: April 11

Adjournment: Following a motion by Linda and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
R I Lawton**