

TOWN OF COLEBROOK
COLEBROOK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
September 12, 2023

Members present: Joyce Hemingson, Edna Travis, Linda Bickford

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm.

New Business: Letter of Support for Aton Forest grant application

Motion made by Linda, seconded by Edna, to approve the Letter of Support for the Preservation of 40 acres on Church Hill Road through an Open Space Grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. This letter was written by Joyce and previously sent to all commission members. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum: none

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm following a motion by Joyce, seconded by Linda and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hemingson

Acting Secretary

Colebrook Conservation Commission
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September 8, 2023

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program
Constituent Affairs/Land Management Division
79 Elm Street, 6th Floor
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

RE: Preservation of 40-Acre Haskell Property on Church Hill Road in Colebrook

The Colebrook Conservation Commission supports the purchase of this 40-acre property bordered to the north and west by nearly 1200 acres of preserved lands. The eastern boundary is across the road from Sandy Brook, a tributary of the west branch of the Farmington River. The 2014 Colebrook Town Plan of Conservation and Development highlights the Sandy Brook corridor as a special ecosystem to protect.

Located in the far northwest corner of Colebrook, this property has a diversity of habitat, including wetlands, streams, forest, slopes, and interesting geological features over a 250-foot change in elevation. Existing logging roads can be used to create trails with diverse terrain for public recreation, such as hiking, snowshoeing and the enjoyment of plants and wildlife.

Sincerely,



Joyce Hemingson, Chair
Colebrook Conservation Commission

cc: Christopher Johnstone, First Selectman