

Town of Colebrook  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes from January 17, 2024

Members present: Kim Janak, Shayne Young, Linda Bickford, Jane McAndrew, Joyce Hemingson, Edna Travis by phone. Brad Bremer in attendance as member of the public.

Meeting called to order: 7:02

Minutes from October approved by Edna, Joyce and Linda

Elections of officers for the coming year: Joyce agreed to stay on as chair, Edna as vice chair, and secretary to be a rotating position.

Edna brought our attention to an application in front of Inland/wetlands for a pole building on Bunnell Street. There is concern that it would be in wetlands but for now, the application is in the hands of the zoning enforcement officer.

Our budget for this year is \$400, which we need to spend by the end of June. We are going to put up a sign on the garden, as well as on the Cooper Trail. Linda is going to get a design out to members for approval.

We tabled the review of bylaws for now. New regulations from the state require electronic meetings to be recorded but a hybrid meeting, such as the one we're having, does not need to be.

Colebrook Cleanup Day will be April 27th- the usual sign up for a street that morning at the town hall or ahead of time with Karen. We discussed giving out packets of seed this year to participants. Kim will organize some publicity ahead of time.

CT Trails Day, June 1-2. Joyce suggested asking one of the participants in the NRI to lead a walk in town. All approved of this idea. Brad suggested we do it in collaboration with the Land Conservancy. Joyce will follow up.

The Cooper Trail will need some serious spring maintenance- at our next meeting, it was decided we would pick a day to walk it and assess the winter damage.

Mt. Pisgah road - some serious discussion about the best approach to remedy and restore the road. It was noted that its designation as a scenic road sets it apart from other roads. Edna will look into the possibility of forming a citizen group, Friends of Mt. Pisgah, while Brad promised to set up a meeting with members of the commission and he and Bill Jasmin.

Natural Resources Inventory- Joyce has done a monumental amount of work so far. She has coordinated all the experts who are helping compile lists of species, including walking out with

them as they search the hills of Colebrook. She has the drafts of her work and theirs on Google docs. She hopes we can finish up this summer and then get down to the serious business of proofreading and editing, so that the final copy will be ready by fall. This will be part of the town plan that P&Z is revising,

To that end, we would like to elicit photos from the public. Various vistas in Colebrook, or special walks, etc. Kim will coordinate this on the community Facebook page.

Correspondence: Joyce was approached by a resident who wondered about a town wide composting program. We felt there would not be sufficient interest in something like that so we tabled it for now.

Meeting adjourned 8:25

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bickford, Acting Secretary