

Colebrook Conservation Commission
Tuesday, April 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Colebrook Town Hall Land Use Office

Present: Linda Bickford, Edna Travis, Joyce Hemingson, Kim Janak (arrived 7:20 p.m.)

Absent: Shayne Young

A. Meeting called to order by Joyce Hemingson at 7:04 p.m.

B. Approval of January 2025 Minutes: Linda moved to accept minutes, Edna 2nd. Motion approved

C. Officers and Committee Reports:

- a. Natural Resources Inventory- Completed and submitted to Planning and Zoning. FRCC sending final check to town to close out grant. Need to print out a few large maps from report to have on hand.
- b. Pollinator garden: need to move the giant plants somewhere. TBD. Pollinator garden will be tended when warmer outside.
- c. Cooper Trail: Kim to get several quotes for tree removal as one tree needs to be removed professionally due to safety hazard of limbs. To be presented next meeting.

D. Old Business

- a. Budget: \$140 misc in reserve, \$409 Cooper Trail dedicated fund, \$400 annual budget
- b. Membership in CACIWC (CT Assoc. Of Conservation & Inland Wetland Commissions) \$65 for one membership from July through June yearly.
- c. Collaboration concerning invasive plants-Winchester, Norfolk, Colebrook. Invasives along roadsides are becoming a problem. Becky Eaton (from Norfolk) heading this concern for multiple town collaboration. Recent zoom call directing town commissions to explore and note invasives on town map. Debra Nyul approached Brad Bremer because concern about Japanese Knotweed. Creating an educational flyer about invasives would be a plus to publicize. Commission to create for town.
- d. CT trails day walk in June: Set for 1st weekend in June: June 7 at 1 p.m. Will be a joint walk with the US Army Corp of Engineers at Beaver Pond trail. Kim to make a flyer and post locally and on town Facebook page.
- e. Pisgah Mountain Road: Town of Colebrook Pisgah Mountain Road 2025 Maintenance Plan dated April 8, 2025 was reviewed. Motion to approve plan with town clarification that debris to be removed will include past work piles along with dead ash removal. Edna motioned, Linda 2nd. Motion to approve plan passed with above notation.

E. New Business

- a. Colebrook Cleanup Day: Kim updated flyer for April 26, 2025, from 9 to noon. Discussion to correct wording and post asap locally and on town Facebook page.
- b. Charles Arnold Recreation Area: Problems with erosion on top of hill before dam. Commission to talk walk to take pictures of erosion and assess area needs. Joyce mentioned CT Forest & Park may lend insight on how to fix it. She mentioned possible grant for proposed work: <https://sustainablect.org/funding>.
- c. Correspondence: N/A

F. Public Forum: n/a

G. Member Forum: n/a

H. Adjournment: Linda motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:11 p.m.,Edna 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Janak