

Colebrook Conservation Commission
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Colebrook Town Hall Land Use Office

Members present: Linda Bickford, Edna Travis, Joyce Hemingson, Kim Janak, Michael Corbin

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Joyce.

Minutes from July 8, 2025 were approved.

Committee Reports:

- No progress on Cooper Trail bids for maintenance.
- Pollinator garden — Joyce has weeded and cut back plants for the winter. Some of the larger plants need to be moved next spring and the mugwort and Japanese knotweed need attention.
- Natural Resources Inventory — all done. Conservation Commission webpage is up with the entire report, plus the photos from the contest. Links to Town Plan of Conservation and Development will also be on the Planning & Zoning webpage.
- The Japanese knotweed collaboration with Barkhamsted, New Hartford, Winchester and Norfolk is very successful. Also, the commission is very heartened by the response from volunteers who mapped knotweed locations on every road in Colebrook. The town and State DOT now has this information.

Old Business:

- Colebrook Fair — successful, good response and interest from community to displays about invasive plants, the Pollinator Garden and highlights of the Natural Resources Inventory. People now seem to be aware of the danger of invasives.
- Pisgah Mountain Road — A new Advisory Committee was just formed for two months to chart a course of action. A Zoom call at the first meeting on October 14 with the Northwest Conservation District helped identify areas of concern. Joyce and Edna report the meeting was positive and productive. Joyce and Brad will work up a budget for the repair work.
- Beaver Pond walk at USACE on Rt. 8 will take next place next June for CT Trails Day.

New Business:

- Motion to approve meeting schedule for 2006 made by Linda, seconded by Kim. Approved. Meetings for next year will be Jan. 13, April 14, July 14 and Oct. 13.
- We need to find new members!
- CACIWC meeting in November 15 in Cromwell. Someone will attend.
- Joyce is going to do a Zoom call with DEEP on the 2025 CT Recreational Trails program on October 16 to learn about grants.

Motion to adjourn — 7:44 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Linda Bickford, Acting Secretary.