

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
PISGAH MOUNTAIN ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

October 14, 2025

Members Present

Brad Bremer
Joyce Hemingson
Bill Jasmin
AJ Ruwet
Edna Travis

Members Absent

Others Present

Abrah Carroll
Cynthia Rabinowitz (via Zoom)

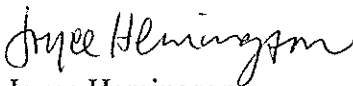
1. The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Brad Bremer at 5:37 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at Town Hall.
2. Cynthia Rabinowitz, Soil and Wetland Scientist, Northwest Conservation District (NWCD), joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss and answer questions about the July 25, 2025, letter sent from the NWCD on its review of drainage and erosion on Pisgah Mountain Road. Her opinion was that the road surface condition is alright overall. Some culverts need replacing, or other work. She said the number of culverts was ok, but the size could be bigger for some and recommended changing the type of culvert.

The wildlife habitat values of different types of culverts was discussed. DPW Foreman Bill Jasmin said he had worked with sediment traps on Sandy Brook Road culverts with DEEP. Rabinowitz will check with her contacts for possible solutions to debris in channels. She said the recreational value of the road is good and suggested limiting traffic to the dry season. In the past, the road has been closed from Thanksgiving to end of April/May 1. Rabinowitz suggested mid-May might be better to allow time for peak amphibian activity to occur. Bremer suggested that installing gates at each end would allow more flexibility in controlling the use. In summary, Rabinowitz said the goals for the road should be to reduce stormwater velocity, redirect the water, regrade the road, and settle sediment.

3. Next steps. Bremer suggested a 2-year timeframe for completion of the maintenance work on the road. Bremer and Conservation Commission Chair Joyce Hemingson will work on a draft of the maintenance plan for the next committee meeting.

4. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11th, at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Hemingson
Acting Secretary