

TOWN OF COLEBROOK  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 8, 2019

Members present:

Joyce Hemingson

Linda Bickford

Ed Lestinsky

Robbie Lawton

Alesia Maltz

Sally Stebbins

Meeting called to order 7:05. Motion to approve minutes from last meeting moved by Joyce, seconded by all.

Old Business:

Cooper Trail maintenance a success but still more work to do. We cleared and put up new yellow trail markers. Shayne put in two posts to designate the beginnings of the trail. Joyce talked about putting a map of the trail attached to the posts. We also talked about placement of the big sign but no decision was made.

Stilt grass pulling is ongoing. Might try spraying next year with the vinegar mixture.

We also discussed changing the status of Pisgah but no decision was made. Also included in this discussion was the idea of best practices for roadsides to encourage native plants.

The pollinator pathway will be (most likely) near the crab apple trees on the road down to the rec field. Joyce has spoken to Karen Nelson of the Northwest Conservation District about native plants and the possibility of getting a grant to help with the purchase of plants for our garden. Also, there are several nurseries in the area that stock native plants – (just Google them!) such as, Helia Native Nursery in West Stockbridge.

Another idea in conjunction with this is having a talk by James Sirch of the Peabody about pollinators and native plants.

Joyce followed up on Shayne's idea of asking the kids from Kindness in Motion for some help with the garden by speaking with the superintendent of Region 7. This seems like a real possibility. We will also need people with equipment to volunteer to dig sod.

Again, we talked about having native plants available for purchase at the April clean-up and/or giving them away.

As there was no new business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm, moved by Linda, seconded by Alesia.

\*\*\*REMINDER: NO meetings for November and December.