

Colebrook Conservation Commission

Colebrook Town Hall Zoning meeting room

Present: Joyce Hemingson, Linda Bickford, Elizabeth Norman, Edna Travis, Kim Janak

Absent: Shayne Young, Jane McAndrew (alternate)

A. Joyce called meeting to order 7:06 p.m.

B. Approval of minutes from April 9, 2024 as amended with 8:10 p.m time change. Minutes approved by all present.

C. Officer and Committee reports:

a. Natural Resources Inventory Photo Contest: 23 Adults and 6 youth participated. Can only take 300 dpi photos for NRI. Group chose 3 winners for youth photo submissions, however, due to the large number of photos among adult submissions, winners were not chosen this evening. To be determined at committee meeting by months end and presented to Commission at later date.

b. Natural Resources Inventory reports and planning: Joyce made contact with all leads working on sections on the NRI. Many site advisors for work have been paid and others are still studying for report submittal. NRI Committee needs to think about design and compilation. Possibly seek advise from a graphics coordinator. Paper vs. online publication can be very different due to printing costs and online technology capabilities. Question about maps and how to use them in scenic views.

D. New Business:

a. Colebrook Fair- Should we have a presence at fair? - Commission agreed to have presence at fair. Kim to fill out application to town for space at fair for town awareness and information of work done thus far by the Commission.

E. Old Business:

a. Colebrook Cleanup Day in April: was about average turnout: 23 people plus Camp Jewell staff helped to clean about 21 local roads. Sunflower packets were given to helpers who showed up for garbage bag and street assignment. Seed packets were left at town hall clerk's office for those who inquired and cleaned on their own outside of cleanup day.

b. Pollinator Garden on Cooper Lane: Linda mentioned that Japanese Knotweed needs to be weeded but it's been too hot to do so. Elizabeth mentioned to use tarps to stop spread. Note: to be diligent of upkeep.

c. Cooper Trail maintenance and signage: Kerry Jassen has offered to help cut and clear. Linda has been working on wooden signage/markers. Joyce motioned for Linda to purchase 2 signs for trailhead, cost about \$100 total, Edna 2nd. Motion approved.

d. Pisgah Mountain Road: Fall meeting date about road to be determined.

F. Correspondence: n/a

G. Public Forum: n/a

H. Member Forum: Joyce shared from Sandisfield Times to be aware of Giant Hogweed and the wild parsnip as they cause serious skin rashes or eye problems if contact is made with the sap. Both plants are invasive and difficult to eradicate.

I. Adjournment: Joyce adjourned meeting at 9:14 p.m. All present agreed.