

Colebrook Conservation Commission Special Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:00 pm

Present: Joyce Hemingson, Kim Janak, Edna Travis, Linda Bickford (arrived 6:17 p.m.)

Public in attendance: Brad Bremer, Michael Corbin, Duncan Wilber

Called to order by Joyce at 6:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from July 2024. Motion to approve by Edna, seconded by Joyce. Minutes approved.

Old Business

Pisgah Mountain Road — Brad said the Board of Selectmen's goal is to keep the road maintained as a scenic road. The road is closed now and will continue to be closed for the winter. Brad said there will be an informational town meeting in the winter to discuss Pisgah Mountain Road. Duncan shared the "T2" Request for Technical Assistance Field review report dated May 29, 2022 from the CT Transportation Institute (see attached). There was a discussion of who has authority over the road. Duncan cited 1989 Colebrook Scenic Road town ordinance (see attached) and said the town should maintain "right of way" for this road as it is an historic road. He made suggestions about rock material cover and possible cost estimation to implement. Edna informed all with a history of the road.

Pollinator Garden — Joyce talked to Sally Root about working on it. Edna will cut back stems.

Cooper Trail — Edna, Kim and Mike will walk the trail to assess maintenance needs.

Colebrook Fair recap — The photo contest was a big draw and great talking point to many who stopped by the booth.

Officers and Committee Reports

NRI Photo contest recap — Kim is working on a Photo Gallery file that can be cited in the final report and viewed online.

NRI reports, maps, documents — There was a discussion of NRI recommendations for 2024. Joyce showed 19 maps created by Stacy Deming from Housatonic Valley Association and order in which to list in the NRI. There will be a committee meeting to discuss report editing and finalization next week.

New Business

Green Maps — Edna and Joyce attended a Zoom call about a free software called Green Maps and how to use it for community projects. Edna said the Colebrook Consolidated School was going to start "Nature in our Yard" using the software.

Meeting schedule for 2025: Motion to set meeting dates of January 14, April 8, July 8, and October 14 for next year was made by Linda, seconded by Edna. Meeting schedule approved.

Correspondence

Edna signed up for the CACIWC (CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions) 47th Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference this Saturday, November 16,

2024 and Edna paid \$140 to attend since the Commission is not a member. Joyce suggested the Commission join this group. Membership is \$65 per commission, \$120 for two commissions.

Public Forum: n/a

Member Forum: n/a

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Joyce 7:50 p.m, seconded by Linda. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Janak
Acting Secretary