

Conservation Commission Minutes

6/13/23

Meeting convened at 6:04 pm.

Present: Chris Fithian, Steve Frackleton, Colleen Ryan, Craig Billie

New business:

1. Annette Libby of Bartlett Rec had scheduled a presentation to the Commission on the current plans She did not attend, but Burr Phillips, the engineer who drafted the site plans, did attend, and explained the revised plan including a proposed building to house the Yankee Flyer. The commission expressed our concerns about the existing resource values on the site, including the sugar maple grove that is currently used in the school sugaring program. We hope to host Annette at a future meeting.
2. The commission discussed that our role as an advisory board is not being tapped by the select board or the planning board, and that we may need to put in more effort to engage with other town bodies, for example by attending select board and planning board meetings. The planning board meets the first Monday of the month. Steve volunteered to attend planning board meetings when he is available and to let the rest of the commission know when he is not available, so that someone else can fill in.

Old business

1. Chris researched funding strategies for the conservation fund and put together a one-page summary, including potential warrant article language and potential uses for town conservation funds. Steve suggested that we consider assessing town properties for recreational value and future development of a town forest-like property. He will put the document in the Drive folder and share a link.
2. Colleen will look into potential resources for organizing invasive species work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Next month's meeting will be at 6:00 on Tuesday, July 11.