

Bartlett Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

8/8/23

Present: Chris Fithian (chair), Colleen Ryan, Steve Frackleton, Craig Billie, Mike Morin

Meeting called to order at 6:10

New business:

Steve met with Doug Cygan of the NH Dept. of Agriculture about invasive species mapping and control. Doug recommended we start with an inventory of invasive species (on public lands or rights of way) in town. He offered to provide guidance as needed. The committee agreed that Steve would do some research on how to use the online invasives mapping tool and we would all begin logging locations as we find them.

The committee agreed to visit Stillings Farm to familiarize ourselves with the property and survey for invasives on Sept 10 at 10 am. Colleen will post this event on Facebook in case any community member wants to volunteer.

Mike updated the commission on plans for the Dundee Community Forest. There will be limited trail development. USVLT will be putting together a Dundee Community Forest Advisory Committee, and that the conservation commission will be asked to provide a representative. The commission agreed that Craig Billie would participate.

Old business:

Chris asked Annette Libby to send the Commission a copy of the land deeds for the Morrell property, but she has not responded. Mike will see if he can find the deeds online. We will continue to follow the planning process for the Morell and provide input as appropriate.

Action items:

Everyone will review the proposed warrant articles that Chris sent around to discuss at next meeting.

Colleen will look into financial resources for invasive species management.

Colleen will post on the Facebook page for volunteers who would like to help with easement monitoring.

Colleen will post a link to the NH Invasive Species guide on Facebook, and also put out feelers for people who might be interested in volunteering for invasive species surveying or control.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

Next meeting: September 12 @ 6pm