

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee
Town of Conway
March 27, 2024
6:30 pm Town Offices

Present:

Members: Marilyn Webster, Deb Donaldson, Suzanne Artemieff, Courtney Gilligan
Associate Member: Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Meeting called to order, 6:33 pm.

Minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved after Deb moved and Suzanne seconded.

Discussed the joint input of the Forest & Trail Committee with the Sustainability Committee on the proposed Carbon Credit plan. The plan should not affect any of the Committee's plans to permanently protect the town forests. The selectboard is investigating to make sure. There doesn't appear there will be any action on this plan in the near future.

Discussed the Conway Cultural Grant: Nature Journaling. The deadline to sign up is April 14th. Currently 7 people are registered. The Committee unanimously approved that Marilyn will purchase 16 sketchbooks for \$90.

Discussed Ash Tree Presentation. The Committee might support a survey of the town forest's ash populations and thought there may be some collaboration with Mary Wigmore to do so. The Committee also might be in support of utilizing regeneration opportunities to support the town forest's ash trees (planting seeds where natural blowdowns occur). Other topics from the presentation were opposed.

Discussed Conway Grammar School's Spring Fling. Kate from the Conway Grammar PTO reached out to see if the Committee wanted to participate this year (Sunday, May 5th).

Discussed Invasive Removal Parties at Conway Grammar School. Removal parties will be delayed until further notice. Deb will take over coordination of removal parties for now and the Committee will think more about it.

Discussed possible Interstate Trail that may be routed through Conway. Jan Warner reached out to let us know that the Conservation Commission was notified that a man is trying to make an interstate trail from Boston to Washington. More details to come.

Next meetings: 5/22/24 6:30pm, Town Office

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm - Deb moved to adjourn, Suzanne seconded.