

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee

Town of Conway

October 23, 2024

6:30 pm Town Offices

Present:

Members: Priscilla Lynch, Courtney Gilligan, Deb Donaldson

Associate Member: Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Meeting called to order, 6:44 pm.

The minutes of the 9/25/24 meeting were approved.

The committee approved the request of Jen Heilig to fill the vacancy on the committee. Deb will submit her name to the SelectBoard.

Deb shared the thank you notes received from students at the grammar school for she and Courtney's participation in the grammar school Spring Fling this past May.

Deb and Cynthia reported on the DCR program for town forests held in Stockbridge. Highlights included a land back project facilitated by the town conservation commission where 350 acres will be deeded to the Munsee Mohicans. There were also updates on invasives and pathogens as well as a field trip to the ice glen, an old growth forest where hemlocks are threatened.

Deb reported that she was able to get stumps to put in the area of the plantings in the Fournier Forest so that students can use them for reading.

Deb shared that the Woodlands Partnership is wanting to do tree ID walks and looking for hosts. This is something we could consider.

Courtney reported that she has spoken with someone who would like to do a bird walk. May would be the best time for this with regard to the birds. She also has someone she will reach out to who could talk about geology and someone else who could talk about mushrooms and vernal pools.

Jennifer Heilig joined the meeting and expressed her desire to join the committee.

Next meetings: 11/20/24 and 12/18/24 6:30pm, Town Offices

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm