

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee

Town of Conway

November 20, 2024

6:30 pm Town Offices

Present:

Members: Priscilla Lynch, Courtney Gilligan, Deb Donaldson, Suzanne Artemieff, Jen Heilig

Meeting called to order, 6:38 pm.

The minutes of the 10/23/24 meeting were approved.

Suzanne informed that she is stepping away from the committee.

Deb updated that she has 8 more stumps to add to the reading circle at the grammar school (Fournier ) forest. She informed the school of the reading circle and there was positive feedback from a couple of teachers. Also the PTO is putting together a directory and will send the committee the information to participate.

Discussed updates on the mapping of the boundaries of the town forests.

Deb reported that the committee has been contacted by BEAT (Berkshire Environmental Action Team) regarding doing a tree walk. The Open Space Committee is interested in this as well. Deb and Janet from Open Space will meet with BEAT 12/4/24. It would be somewhere around March-late April.

Courtney reported that a bird ID walk is planned for May 17th or 18th. She is also following up on the geology walk.

There was discussion about other potential walks.

Deb reported that she was contacted by Beth Gershman, who was inquiring as to whether the committee would assist with invasive removal along the roadways. Beth has also spoken with the

Open Space Committee about this. The committee discussed this and decided to keep its work to the forests at this time.

Next meetings: 12/18/24 and January 22, 2025, 6:30pm,

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Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pmissis