

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee

Town of Conway

May 27, 2025

6:30 pm Town Offices

Present:

Members: Jen Heilig, Priscilla Lynch, Deb Donaldson

Associate Member, Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Jill Craig

Meeting called to order, 6:30 pm.

The minutes of the 4/23/25 meeting were approved.

Deb reviewed the committee accomplishments during the month of May:

Deb and Courtney attended the Spring Fling at the grammar school. The event was held outside in a tent and they made nature bracelets with the students.

12 people attended the tree ID walk, which was rescheduled to the next day due to rain. There was good conversation among the attendees.

12-15 people attended the bird walk. Feedback was to do it gain.

Planting of trees and shrubs at the grammar school.

Deb reported that all of the plantings have leafed out except for one tree and one shrub. She is looking into getting cages for the shrubs from the Conway Hills Audubon project. She met with Kate Stafford and Jamie Jackman from the grammar school. The nature class has agreed to water the planting up to June 13th. The committee will water for the remainder of June and Kate Stafford and summer school students will water for July. Jen and Priscilla will water beginning 6/14 and Deb will water the last week of June. We will need to plan for August.

A date for invasive control at the Fournier property was discussed and planned for June 29th.

The committee approved Deb's motion to accept Jill Craig to fill the open seat on the board. Deb will submit her name to the Select Board.

A Beaver walk and tracking program were discussed for the fall.

It was decided that a meeting will not be held in July.

Next meeting: 6/25/25

Meeting adjourned: 7:10pm