

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee
Town of Conway
November 24, 2025
6:30 pm Town Offices

Present:

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

Meeting called to order, 6:31 pm.

The minutes of the 10/22/25 meeting were approved.

Deb reported on the installation of the trail cameras at the Fournier Forest. She and Jill met with the 6th grade class and engaged the students in walking into the forest with them to identify the spots to place the cameras. They pinned the places the students choose and the students justified their choices. Deb and Jill will install the cameras on Wednesday, 11/24. They will be checked in a couple weeks to see what has been recorded.

Deb reported that there has been no word yet, regarding the Cultural Council Grant submitted to support the trail cameras project with the grammar school.

Deb reported that she met with Emily Sweet, grammar school custodian, who is cleaning up invasives around the area. They discussed plantings for the area for the spring. The mowing of the school grounds is moving back to the responsibility of the school, so Emily Sweet will have direct contact in this area. The school will be doing less mowing.

Deb reported that she spoke with the Connecticut River Conservancy and determined that Conway does not have the space for the number of trees they are looking to plant, 400 trees per acre.

Deb reported that the Committee may have money to purchase boundary signs for the town forest. Jen agree to look into options and costs for these signs.

The committee discussed future projects: beaver walk in the spring, winter tracking walk and having a bird walk again in the spring.

Jen agreed to check with the Assistant Town Administrator regarding posting pictures captured on the trail cams on the town site.

Due to the December holidays, the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 12/22/2025.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 pm