

Danville Conservation Commission Notes (DCC)

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

1/4/2021

Attendance: Vange Morse, Dave Houston, Deb Bixby, Barbara Huibregtse, Brian Henderson, Bridget Ferrin-Smith

1. Approved meeting notes for December 7thnd.
2. Wes has told us that he is the tree warden. Deb suggested that we put it in the town report. Brian suggested we make sure his name is listed on the website or in the town docs. Dave suggests that we list his duties in the annual report to remind people of him as a resource. Vange will ask Wes how he prefers to be contacted. Does he want a town e-mail?
3. Water Andric: Brian says according to the selectboard minutes it sounds like they are keeping it as a class 4 road but agree not to maintain it. Deb says that its really becoming eroded and its only going to get worse. Dave suggested we look at it to decide if we want to help make it a proper walking trail because people are walking on private property and walkers need safe passage. We could suggest a plan to the town to create a public easement in order to allow walking trails. In order to do that we need the land owner permission. It must be an agreement between the landowner and the town, but we need to identify those areas and the parameters so that the select board can approach the landowner. Deb says its taken at least two sections of the road. One where the road has totally been taken over, and one where the road is being eroded. Bridget says that she would be interested in helping but we need to decide is that is something that we want to do as a project.

Bridget says she knows that VT Fish and Wildlife have been monitoring the fish population there, but they don't have very high reproduction there because of the silt due to the erosion. Maybe the state has grant money to help with this event?

The group decides to schedule a hike of the road. Deb suggests snowshoes because there's one section that you would potentially need to take your skis off. Its only been a couple of years that the barriers have been up and the vast trail used to maintain it. Dave says when the big culvert came out and was replaced, that when it really started becoming hard to maintain. Shoot for Sunday the 24th 9am We can meet on the trestle road side.

3. Things to include in the Annual Town report: Logging recap, knotweed test plots, reminding people about Wes, reminding people about EAB, Putting a map in. and what its done so far in VT and how it affects the movement of Ash. Ask for new members.

Dave reminded us that we should look at the EAB Plan. We should get it out and look at it for our next meeting.

Talk about our next phase, development of tail system, brochures that talk about important areas and landmarks. Point out that its possible the harvest could happen during the summer.

Invite Wes to our next meeting.

February 1st. Next meeting.