

Conservation Commission Minutes

8/9/22

Meeting convened at 6:35 pm.

Present: Chris Fithian, Mike Morin, Steve Frackleton, Colleen Ryan

New business:

Glen Ellis Campground: NHDES notified the commission that a permit was approved for the campground to impact 3,200 square feet of protected shoreland to install water and electric connections to camp sites.

Mike will attend a site visit with a consultant working with NRCS on a watershed protection plan for Kearsarge Brook to provide input on potential restoration projects in and around the Saco.

Old business:

Saco Protection Coalition Meeting:

Chris, Colleen and Mike attended the organizational meeting of the Saco Protection Coalition and learned about the potential for exploring a Wild and Scenic River designation for the Saco. An Upper Saco Valley Land Trust intern did the initial research into the process and presented her findings. The designation would not impact private property or development rights, but would foster cross-border collaboration on river management and open up opportunities for federal funding. The first step is to petition Congress to initiate a study. The group will be reconvening on August 17 from 4-6 to discuss next steps.

Dump site update:

Chris has not managed to contact the Iovinos, the property owners of the old dump site, to request permission to access the site for a volunteer cleanup of the river channel. Chris also plans to approach the selectmen about disposing of any debris that is collected.

Intervale-Glen trail concept:

Mike has connected with the MWV Trail Association, who have offered advice and support on exploring the possibility of creating a trail to connect Intervale and Glen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Next month's meeting will be at 6:00 on primary day.