

Bartlett Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

2/11/2025

Present: Colleen Ryan, Mike Morin, Chris Fithian

Meeting called to order at 6:07

New Business:

Wetlands Permits:

The Commission received four Expedited Minimum Impact permit applications for bank stabilization work from the 2023 flooding on the Saco and Rocky Branch. The commission has concerns about the wisdom of repeated bank stabilization projects in the face of natural river migration and increasing flood events. A long-term approach including limiting new development adjacent to the river would be preferred. However, impacts to existing wetlands are small. Chris will reach out to the Saco/Swift Local Advisory Committee to see if they have any concerns.

Town Hall Rd Bridge Work

The Commission received a letter from HEB asking for input on the Town Hall Rd bridge project. Chris will reply mentioning that the East Branch is an important recreational resource for the town, and that we are concerned that any impacts on water quality and cold water fisheries be minimized, that any bridge redesign allow for unaltered passage of aquatic organisms, and that steps be taken to minimize the spread of invasive plants.

Storyland Dredge and Fill permit

The Commission received a notification of a permit for work to dredge the Buccaneer Bay lagoon and repair the berm that

Old Business:

Budget:

The select board informed Chris that they plan to either include funds for the Conservation Fund in the town budget or put a warrant article to that effect in the Town Meeting.

Invasives Education:

Wendy Scribner is available to hold a workshop in April, but will be on medical leave starting April 30. Steve will work with her to pick a date, aiming at the week of April 14. Mike will talk to Ledge about potential dates.

Steve talked to the Jackson Conservation Commission, and they will help us with publicity once we set a date.

Publicity should include flyers, partner email lists, our FB page, potentially the Jackson ConCom FB page, Bartlett town column in the Daily Sun.

Stillings Grant Easement Donation

The select board has not responded to the Berry Company's proposed conservation easement donation. The commission has offered to meet with the Select Board if they have questions.

Action Items:

Mike will talk to Ledge about potential dates for an invasives educational event.

Chris will reach out to the Saco/Swift Local Advisory Committee to see if they have any concerns about the bank stabilization projects and respond to HEB re. the Town Hall Rd. bridge project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, Mar. 11 @ 6pm