

**Tunbridge Conservation Commission - August 17, 2020 - Tunbridge Library**  
Draft Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ellen Hosford, Betsy Gaiser, Eliza Minnucci, Susan Salster, Aaron Weed, Maureen McCullough, Kevin Rose

**Called to order at 6:30pm.**

7.20.2020 Meeting Minutes Read and Approved

**Falls Hill Road Legal Trail Logging**

Aaron and Betsy attended the last Selectboard meeting to provide advice on Falls Hill Road Legal Trail.

Discussion of potential legislation around Tree Wardens, and whether trees on road and trail right of ways are public places. It appears "right of ways" have been stripped out of "public places," in proposed new legislation language.

Discussion about whether trees along town roadways (within right of way, 3 rods) are property of the town in any way.

Discussion about private improvement of Class 4 Roads and clearing of trees on other property owners' land within Class 4 right-of-ways, an issue the Selectboard has addressed recently.

Discussion about TCC's role to educate about legal trails. Especially as demand grows to recreate on legal trails, walking, cycling, horse-back riding, etcetera.

Proposal to visit a legal trail and with corresponding landowner following each meeting to better understand the issues.

Discussion of improving "Old Market Road" which spans Russell Road to Darrow Road on Falls Hill --- it is private ownership, but owners may be interested in improvement and some limited public use of trail.

**Action Item:** TCC members to monitor Falls Hill Road Legal Trail logging impact with informal rotating visits.

**Action Item:** Kevin Rose to research intended and legal use of legal trails and right of ways of such.

**First Branch Clean Up**

On hold to coordinate with White River Partnership.

**Wildflowers Project**

Do send folders of photos to Geoff to add to TCC webpage.

**Action Item:** Eliza to organize, name and send photos along to Geoff to post.

**Next Meeting: September 21, 7:00pm, Tunbridge Library.**  
**(Tentative plan to inspect The Crossroads Legal Trail at 6pm, and confer with**  
**landowners.)**  
**Meeting adjourned at 8pm.**