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Subject: Re: 3/11 CC Minutes - NH Fish & Game Letter - Trails for People and Wildlife Webinar - Best Practices for Wildlife, Habitat and Use
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:31:32 PM

Hello Mr. Joyce,

Yes your correspondence will be read at the RCC public meeting on Thursday. I have confirmation that Mike is able to attend and therefore will be reading it.

The town's transcriber will include it in the minutes.

Suzanne

On Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 1:06 PM Shawn Joyce <sjoyce@nerallc.com> wrote:

Hello Suzanne:

Please see the RCC agenda that was just posted for this Thursday's RCC meeting.

In the email below, we respectfully requested that a copy of our email be noted as received on that agenda. However, it has not been included.

As the Chair of the Rye Conservation Commission, could you please let us know if the RCC intends to acknowledge the correspondence making it part of the public record?

Thank you. Shawn & Dave

From: Shawn Joyce <sjoyce@nerallc.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 10:52 AM
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Subject: RE: 3/11 CC Minutes - NH Fish & Game Letter - Trails for People and Wildlife Webinar - Best Practices for Wildlife, Habitat and Use

Dear RCC and BOS Members:

Please see the letter from NH Fish & Game, page 12 in the attached 03/11/21 RCC meeting minutes. There was no public discussion about the letter and the importance of wildlife and habitat conservation in the Town of Rye. We respectfully ask that all RCC and BOS members watch the Trails for People and Wildlife Webinar at <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/trails/>. It is an excellent overview of best practices included in the Trails for People and Wildlife Guidebook, authored by well-respected wildlife biologists and sent to the RCC last year by NH Fish & Game. It can also be downloaded at webinar link.

It was obvious from last year's public Town Forest discussions that a few longtime RCC members had not read the guidebook and/or sought input from competent wildlife biologists. They lobbied against protecting wildlife and sensitive habitat from unleashed dogs. It was great that selectperson Roman was involved at that time. She had done her homework, reviewed the forest easements that protect wildlife and habitat. She brought a level of transparency and fairness to the discussions resulting in the RCC majority voting to do the right thing, requiring that dogs be leashed on the green trail at least during breeding season. Moving forward, it would be great if the RCC conducted a public discussion as to how it intends to follow best practices as outlined in the guidebook for all conservation land in Rye and seek residents' comments, feedback and assistance. That would preclude future needs by citizens to engage selectmen, easement holders, wildlife biologists and advocates for their support with the protection of wildlife and habitat in Rye.

In closing, we respectfully request that this email be noted as received on the 4/7/21 RCC meeting agenda and the 4/12/21 BOS meeting agenda and it be included with the public minutes that are circulated by email and posted on the town's website. This allows residents to also be aware of this great resource and the RCC being asked to have a public discussion about it. If discussions are open, honest, transparent, based on facts and best practices, more people will want to get involved, help the RCC and the town. If you would like any help from us with conservation efforts, please let us know. We are very willing to do the work and glad

to help. Above all, we sincerely appreciate folks doing the right thing for conservation, protecting wildlife and habitat, and ensuring that all uses are compatible. Sincerely – Shawn & Dave

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