

Rock Meadow Stakeholder & Community Workshop

May 8, 2018

7:00 PM

Town Hall, Selectmen's Room

The Belmont Conservation Commission is working with the Conway School to develop a Master Plan for the Rock Meadow Conservation Area. The process will allow the Town of Belmont to assess, value and guide management of the property for human activities, wildlife habitat and ecological values.

The 70-acre property is presently used for passive recreation and managed for a variety of activities. The preparation of the plan will evaluate, prioritize and formalize current and proposed uses for the property. The process has been designed to include public comments, and will include a minimum of two (2) public workshops to identify and involve the various stakeholders. The gathered information will be used to tailor the master plan to the specific needs and desires of the citizens of Belmont.



As noted above, the Commission is partnering with The Conway School, a graduate program for sustainable ecological and landscape design and planning. The mission of the Conway School is to explore, develop, practice, and teach design that is ecologically and socially sustainable. The program emphasizes communication skills and community building. Through the lens of ecological design, the graduate student consultants will:

- Conduct an ecological site analysis and assessment
- Explore the uses appropriate to the property with a theme of "Eco and Historic Walking Tour"
- Consider ways to improve wildlife habitat, connectivity and ecosystem services.
- Identify ways to reduce the presence of invasive plants
- Redesign the parking lot for efficiency and erosion control

The process will allow the synergy of a citizen and graduate student team to work productively to develop a plan that truly reflects the wishes and desires of the community from diverse perspectives.

Join us on Tuesday May 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Belmont Town Hall, Selectmen's Room.

The Conway School is a graduate program for sustainable ecological and landscape design and planning. It was founded in 1972 and is in Easthampton, MA. The graduate school offers a MS in Ecological Design to 18 students over a 10-month program. The mission of the Conway School is to explore, develop, practice, and teach design that is ecologically and socially sustainable. The program emphasizes communication skills and community building. Students work on real projects with real clients at varying scales, from residential landscaping to urban planning and management of entire watersheds. www.csld.edu