

F.X Shea Forest Committee
Corinth Town Hall
7 pm, April 18, 2012

Present: Wendy Wieland-Alter, Susan Morris, Frank Roderick, Dina DuBois,
Ginny Barlow,
Absent: Penny Andrew, Courtney Haynes, Rik Sheridan, Val Stori

Frank Roderick called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Ginny agreed to take minutes.

Minutes. The minutes of the March 7th meeting were approved as presented. Ginny will send them to Rik Sheridan to be posted on the town website.

Forest Sign. Courtney sent an email to committee members reminding us that a wooden sign for the town forest is already in the works. An ash board has been purchased for \$25 from Bob Sandberg, has been paid for from our grant funds, has been sanded, and taken to Dave Savidge in Washington as he kindly offered to rout out the name of the forest for us. The committee wishes to proceed with this sign.

The committee also would like to proceed with the steel sign to be made by Chris Groschner that was discussed at the March 7th meeting. This sign will be placed at the beginning of Wilson Road, within the town right-of-way. Dina, Frank, and Chris Groschner will get together to look over the site and will then go ahead with getting the metal sign made.

Dina will get more of the postcard-sized maps of the town forest printed so that they can be distributed during GreenUp Day activities.

Events. Saturday, June 2nd is *National Trails Day* and we are planning a “Spring Cleaning” or “Lowdown on the Blowdowns” (or something) trail clearing session on the forest from 10 am to noon. Dina will check with Rick Rosten about whether there is an active Boy Scout troop that could be enlisted to help. (Perhaps there’s a “trail clearing” badge.)

Ginny will put together a message about this for the LRN listserv and will try to do it in time to circulate it to committee members before it goes live. She will ask Emily Rowe to send the announcement to the Conservation Commission email list and will make a little poster.

Ginny will ask Val to ask Amy Kramer at WRVS if she could put information about this event in the school newsletter.

Things to remember to mention on the poster include: bring water, gloves, clippers and loppers, and give a phone number to call if anybody needs directions.

Dina will check with Lynn Murphy about free tree identification booklets.

Name That Tree (or something). Ginny will check with Courtney to see if Court can lead a tree ID walk on Saturday, July 7th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We could coordinate this with the Thetford, West Fairlee, and Corinth Conservation Commissions and have it be an event in the CC's "Year of the Tree"

Wild Edibles. We thought it would be best to wait until Val returns to decide on a date for this, not being sure what the best edible season might be.

Wildflower Garden. Wendy reported that some wildflowers are beginning to emerge in the town forest garden. There appear to be some empty places but Wendy thinks it would be best to wait for a couple of weeks before adding more plants because some of the ones we planted may not have surfaced yet. Wendy will let us know what is needed and when it should be planted.

Vison for the Forest. Once again, we've postponed this to the next meeting.

Ginny will circulate the visions of Val and Wendy to everyone (see attached) and we'll all try to come to the next meeting with ideas on this topic.

Dina mentioned that the Town Forest Stewardship Guide is really helpful. Several copies have been distributed but none of us knows where they are. All are encouraged to look for this book and read it or re-read it and pass it on to someone else. It's available online

(<http://www.communitiescommittee.org/pdfs/TownForestStewardshipGuide.pdf>) and Dina particularly recommends page 80.

Next Meetings. We scheduled meetings for June 6th and July 18th, both Wednesdays, both at 7 pm at the town hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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