

F.X Shea Town Forest committee Minutes June 6, 2012

Present: Ginny Barlow, Val Stori, Frank Roderick, Rik Sheridan, Penny Andrew, Dina DuBois

Absent: Susan Morris

Ginny Called the meeting to order at 7:07PM

I. Minutes

Frank moved the minutes of April 18, 2012 be approved. Rik seconded the motion. All in favor.

II. **FOLLOW UP** on things in minutes of April 18.

A. **Walks.**Rik, Ginny and Frank reported that they were on the June 2 trail walk and that things are in good shape on the orange trail. Wild edibles walk done in May with about 8 people. Milkweed,raspberries,morrells, dandelions...

B. **Tasks.**

- 1.Dina will email Courtney about **wooden forest sign** and David Savidge's carving it.
- 2.Dina will ask Lynn Murphy where to get the **Tree ID books** from the state.
3. Dina will put forest signs out on her porch for the July 21 tree ID walk for Courtney to put on the roads.
4. Dina will follow up with Chris Groschner about the steel forest **sign design** and coming to the next meeting.

**III. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ginny told the committee that Wendy had sent out an email that she is resigning as a forest committee member.Dina will write Wendy a **thank you note** for her service on the Forest committee. Ginny will ask Greg Manning if he would like to join the committee. Dina will ask Lynn Murphy the science teacher at waits River Valley School if she would join the committee.

IV. Wildflower Garden. Wendy has said she'll still stay involved with the wildflower garden but not actively. Penny thought perhaps the Garden club might want to get involved.. There were some loses since the garden was planted last year. Penny will think what could go in. Dina, Ginny, Val said they'd dig and or plant. Linda Tobin has mentioned violets.

**V. Activities**

Sunday August 19 Penny will lead a **get acquainted with the trails** hike and picnic.

-Dina will find out about Boy scout/cub scout badges that might lend themselves to Forest activities.

-discussion about bear sightings led to Dina suggesting a **bear stories** around the campfire type of activity as the committee members all seemed to have stories to tell. Perhaps in September. Dina will plan and guide it. Ginny will ask Ben Kilham if he'd like to join such an informal activity.

-Would a **passport** to stamp trail hikes in Corinth encourage people to hike all the trails asked Val.

## **VI. Crafting a vision Statement.**

Val provided four documents to review to help the committee get started on crafting a vision for the forest. Which is a first step in creating a forest management plan. (

1. Vision samples,
2. Proposed planning process,
3. Introduction to planning,
4. Management plan outline.

The process was guided by Val. She took notes on the committee brainstorming ideas that responded to statements in the Planning Process document: Long term goals, future use and management, value of the forest for whom and for what, varied interests. She read back what we said. Sounded quite eloquent!

Then she explained other aspects of the process. We need to have GOALS, OBJECTIVES and ACTION on those goals. She gave an example: goal: expand habitat, Objective: create a preserve, Action, purchase 10,000 acres. A lengthy discussion followed about the process for the draft vision statement. How concrete should the statement be before involving the public? Ginny finds that it is important to have something in writing, a sample of some sort to have people refer to in a public meeting. Dina would prefer to have early involvement with the public to have them go through a brainstorming as the committee did so they would be more involved rather than reacting to something already started.

The next meeting is July 18 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Dina will post a sign at the Town Hall, Ginny will post one at the Transfer station and Dina will ask Susan Morris to post one at East Corinth store as she has the key to that bulletin board.

Frank moved to adjourn. Seconded by Frank. Adjourned at 8:31PM