

Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee . Oct. 17, 2012 Town Hall Corinth

Present: Ginny Barlow, Val Stori, Kevin Eaton, Penny Andrew, Dina DuBois. Absent; Greg Manning, Frank Roderick, Courtney Haynes.

NEXT MEETING NOV. 28, 2012, 7PM Corinth Town Hall.

Meeting called to order by Ginny Barlow at 7:06.

I. **Committee members.** Ginny Barlow resigned effective this evening. She will still help out in various ways. Laura Brill, Julie Krouse and Dick Kelley will be asked to serve on the committee. Dina will follow up with Lynn Murphy about her interest.

II. **Bear Walk debriefing.** Val received 5 laudatory replies: engaging speaker/ lucky to have him. Some objected to dog noise of rustling leaves. Dogs on events will have to depend on the event on a case by case basis and not create distraction. Ginny will pay his fee (\$250 plus mileage) when we get a bill from him and request reimbursement from the town treasurer.

III. **Next events: Oct. 28 trail clearing: Blow downs and Brambles** 10-Noon. Val will publicize. Penny wants to make sure thick short stems are cut to prevent injury. More trail markers will be put up. Ginny will get longer nails and will bring a chain saw. Ginny also said she'd post the hunting dates sign at forest.

Tree ID. Val will email Courtney to see when she can do that. **Snowshoe ramble** mid winter some time. Dina will post request on LRN for snowshoe donations. She'll also re-explore grants for snow shoes.

IV. **Trail signs.** Discussion of a trailhead marker/sign for the forest was discussed. Could be that a locust fence railing of Dan Wing's could be used to rout out the name and plant vertically at the edge of the entry stone wall. Discussion of such a sign will continue.

V **Kiosk.** We need to line up a team of people to build the Kiosk. A picture will be taken of the kiosk on the Clement trail to email to possible community builders. It has a box for maps. At the Town Forest we would like to also have places for signs and sign in/log and interpretive information.

VI. Questionnaire

Val spoke to Nancy Ertle about putting the questionnaire into the town newsletter. It will go folded up and included.. Penny made a motion to pay the town \$80 for copying and folding the mailing. Kevin seconded. All in favor.

VII. **Timesheet.** Kevin moved to approve Val's timesheet for payment from March 1, 2012- Aug. 2012. Penny seconded. All in favor.

VIII. Grant application. Kevin moved to authorize Val to make a grant application to the Humanities Council for the Forest StoryWalk. Penny seconded. All in favor.

IX. **Open Space Institute grant.** An extension of the time covered by the grant is needed as the OSI grant now ends on March 22, 2013.. If Val's contract is renewed for a second year, it will end on June 30, 2013. . Val will write a letter to OSI to point out the misalignment. Val's contract was reviewed. Dina moved to renew Val's contract from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Kevin seconded. All in favor. There is approximately \$8,000 left in grant funding. So far we have spent around \$8,000. Val will be putting in more time as the committee creates the Forest Management plan.

X. **Town Report.** Val will write a Forest report for the Town report. Due Nov.1. She will also send in budget request for July 2013-June 2014. Penny moved to have Val write the report and a rationale for a budget request of \$500. Penny moved. Kevin seconded. All in favor.

XI. Thank you for **Sign lettering.** A basket of local made goodies will be collected to give to Coltere Savidge as a thank you for routing out the letters on the forest sign.

XII. **Minutes.** Minutes of Sept. 19, 2012 were approved by motion made by Kevin, seconded by Penny. All in favor.

XIII. Next meeting. Dina moved it to be Nov. 28, 7PM at Town Hall in Corinth. Ginny seconded. All in favor.

XIII. Kevin moved to **adjourn** at 8:45. Penny seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted. Dina DuBois