

Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee Jan.8, 2013 Town Hall Corinth, VT

Present: Frank Roderick, Courtney Haynes, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois, and Val Stori. Absent; Penny Andrew. NEXT MEETING Feb.20, 2013 Town Hall 7PM.

Co-chair Kevin Eaton called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

I. **Minutes.** Frank moved to approve the minutes for Nov.28, 2012 meeting. Courtney seconded.

All in favor.

II:Survey results. There were 53 responses from the mailed in and survey monkey replies. There were several no hunting and no ATV responses and many for hunting and mountain biking and horseback riding(38). The majority wanted education, hiking trails, guided walks, and opportunities to enjoy nature. The results were presented in an excel spread sheet form and will be formatted for easier reading. We will post the results on the Town Forest webpage. Thirteen people said they'd like to volunteer. Four would like to volunteer for the committee. Dina will also review the results for any narrative themes. How to use the survey was discussed. **Report on survey** to be sent to Nancy Ertle for the Town newsletter by Jan.21 deadline. Val will draft a summary on the survey and introduce the idea of a management plan. Courtney will review it.

Val proposed the next step to be a **Forest Information Session** at the Town Hall to introduce the idea of a forest management plan. That meeting would be March 14, 2013 from 7-8PM at town Hall. There will be a poster for that session put up at Town Meeting. Dina will make a card handout for Town Meeting day. Frank will ask Norm if the 14th is available. We will send emails to respondents about the public info session and call respondents who left phone numbers on the survey.

II. Committee Members. Steve Long willing to come to sample a meeting. Courtney will ask Ben Machin. Penny would ask Dick Kelly. Val will ask Scot Ellidge and Bill Slayton.

III. Activities. Mary Holland and Tii McLane said no to a **winter animal walk**. Val will ask Ted Levin. **Feb. 23 Full moon snow shoe walk**.6-8:30PM. Kevin will lead the walk with Dina as "deputy" to make sure no one gets lost or hurt. Dina and Kevin and Frank will collect brush for the bonfire on Sunday Feb.17 from 3-4. Val will publicize the event and requirements for walking, bringing a snack to share and sharing drinks around the bonfire. Participants will meet a 6PM at Town Hall to car pool up to the Wilson Road turn around. Courtney hopes to update the map of trails in the forest this summer.

IV. Tree ID debriefing. Kevin commented on how knowledgeable the speaker was: Courtney! Courtney wondered about have interpretive forest markers on trees in the future.

V. Kiosk. Dina will email interested kiosk builders: Rick O'Connel, Keith Freidland and Will Sandberg to be in touch with Val about the design of the kiosk and planning how the team will work together and when to build it. Dina supplied another design from TimberHomes and a picture of the kiosk from the Clement Trail as well as the original design Val used for the grant for materials.

VI. VII. **Grants** *StoryWalk* grant was turned down by the VT Humanities Council. Val will submit it other places. Dina told about a poetry trail project that was given over to the high school in Woodstock. Perhaps a school could be involved. Courtney suggested the Field's Pond Foundation.

VII. Next meeting we'll work on the Forest Management plan.

VIII. Kevin moved to adjourn at 8:45. Courtney seconded. All in favor.

IX. Respectfully submitted, Dina DuBois