

F.X Shea Town Forest Minutes April 18,2013.

7pm Corinth Town Hall.

Meeting called to order 7:10pm by Co-Chair Frank Roderick

Present: Val Stori, Frank Roderick, Dina DuBois, Laura Brill **Absent:** Kevin Eaton.

Committee members. Laura Brill was introduced as a new member by Val Stori. Laura has worked work for the Vermont Historical Society, led garden classes for kids at the Bradford Community Garden. She is also a student of the Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism.

Frank moved to seek approval by the Select Board for Laura Brill as a new committee member. Dina seconded. All in favor. Frank will let the Select Board know. Penny Andrew has resigned as a committee member. The committee accepts her resignation with regret and thanks her for her helpful service. Dina will write her a thank you note. Frank will inform the Select Board. The invitation to Julie Krause to join the committee is still open.

Minutes. Dina moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 20, 2013. Frank seconded. All in favor.

Budget. Report. The committee submitted a request for an appropriation in time to meet the deadline for the Town Report. But that the request must have gotten lost at the town's end as there was no warrant in the Town Meeting report that requested a \$500 donation. So as of June 30,2013 there will be no money in the fund. There is around \$8,000 left of which \$6,00 approximately goes to Val's co-ordinator payment. Dina made a motion to approve Val's two time sheets: \$960 August 2012- Nov.2012 and \$600 March 2012- August 2012. Frank seconded. All in favor.

Future funding needs. Money will be needed for sign boards, trail maps, and markers, pages in newsletter, display, postcards and expert speakers.

Fund raising . While fund raising through a Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival is exciting it would be better to program it in the fall when people are more willing to be indoors. Val will see if the \$50-\$100 allows us to rent the films through the fall. We would need to spend that money before the deadline for our current funding ends June 30. Also it will take a lot of volunteers and we need to focus on the management plan now. Frank moved to authorize Val to spend \$50-\$100 to rent the films for a wildlife Film Festival fund raiser if the films can be kept through the fall.

Programs. BioBlitz to conduct an inventory of the forest is a popular kid-friendly activity. It requires a lot of planning and set up needs by volunteers and expansive publicity to gain participation. This idea is on hold due to needing to focus on the management plan.

Trail Maintenance. Hold a Trail maintenance time April 28 from 10-noon. Frank will lead this. Dina will ask John Sutton about leading a bird walk.

Val will call Penny and Wendy to see if they will restart the wildflower garden.

Kiosk. Val will be meeting with Keith and Rich next week to plan the building. We need a match for the money with 40 volunteer hours to build and install the kiosk.

Management Plan

Val gave out a draft plan for the forest. Frank gave out copies of other forest plans to study.

Next Meetings. May 1, 7:00pm Blake Memorial Library. Focus on management plan.

May 14th 7:00pm regular committee meeting and Film Fest planning if going forward. Town Hall.

June 20th Town Hall 7:00pm focus on management plan. Moved by Frank. Seconded by Dina. All in favor.