

## Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee, May 1, 2013

Present: Julie Krouse, Val Stori, Frank Roderick, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois

Absent: Courtney Haynes, Laura Brill

Meeting called to order by Kevin 7:05PM

### I. Payments

A. Time sheets. Frank Roderick moved to pay Val Stori according to her timesheets: March 1-June 30, 2012 \$600, July 1- Aug. 31, 2012 \$330, Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2012 \$960 and to reimburse her \$112.63 for the forest related books bought for the Blake Memorial Library. Dina seconded. All in favor.

B. gas money. Frank moved to reimburse John Hathaway \$200 for gas for plowing a portion of Wilson Road beyond his house the winters of 2012-2013. Dina seconded. All in favor.

II. New committee members. Julie Krouse would like to join the forest committee.

Frank ask the the Select Board to appoint her.

III. Management Plan. Goal for evening is to look at the sections and get comments and review results of survey and think about how to write the text. An Excel spreadsheet was made available by Val for a future action schedule.

Perhaps the two paragraphs of description could be condensed to be more concise. Let's add a table of contents. The survey results discuss overnight use, hunting, mountain biking, horseback riding as well as the hiking, and educational programs. The timber management of course is included.

We need to continue working on the draft as the primary purposes of the forest need to be clear. The format of having goals, objectives and actions to take to meet those goals is a good format.

Discussion covered whether horseback riding and mountain biking is good for the forest. How to maintain trails for such use: one track/2 track? Height of trimming? What are standards for signage and trail maintenance. Etc.

References to other town forest plans were made in terms of format and content. The Marshfield plan calls for five resident members on their committee and a three year term. Buffer zones around water were considered. Do we need that? Clear boundaries were discussed.

The next meeting will be a regular meeting. Minutes will be approved. The management plan draft will be continued.

Dina will be absent. Someone else will take the minutes and send them to the Town Clerk.

The next meeting is May 14 7:00 at the Corinth Town Hall.

Submitted by Dina DuBois