

Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee. July 10,2013

Present: Val Stori,,Kevin Eaton, Courtney Haynes, Amanda Moody Miller and Adam Miller

Absent: Frank Roderick

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM

I. **Acknowledgment of Val Stori's service** as paid co-ordinator for the F.X. Shea Town Forest. Cookies and comments marked the occasion of Val 's work with launching the Forest committee work. Her ability to write grants, create, lead and publicize events was celebrated as well as guiding the agendas and commencing the process of creating a management plan. The survey that she created for community response was part of that process. We are thankful that Val is willing to continue guiding the committee through the management plan process, not as a member of the committee but as committed community member.

II **Minutes approval.** *June 4, 2013 minutes* Kevin requested adding add "any shortfall comes out of the story walk" after the weed wrench paragraph. Dina will change that and resubmit to Nancy Ertle. Dina moved, Courtney seconded. All in favor. *Minutes June 20,2013* . Courtney moved to approve minutes as submitted. Dina seconded. All in favor.

III. New Committee Members. Val will get in touch with Bill Slayton who had expressed some interest, Adam and Amanda joined the meeting tonight and will report at the next meeting if they wish to become committee members. Adam has worked with the boy scouts and is a carpenter interested in making the kiosk. Amanda came on the snow shoe walk and wants to find a role on the committee. She is an educator.

IV. KIOSK. Adam and Kevin will review the three plans sent by Val and decide on a plan . Adam is a skilled carpenter. His time building the kiosk will go toward the matching need the grant requires. The size of the bulletin board, the need for boxes for hand maps and a sign in book. How to mount the large scale map for longevity and visibility were discussed. They will bring a design and price list to the committee.

V. **OSI Grant update.** \$481.47 were spent on materials for the trail signage (posts, stain, boards). \$5,300 remained before that expenditure. Val has informally asked OSI for an extension. To achieve that she will file a formal request that documents what the remaining money will be spent on. StoryWalk does not fit the current approved grant uses of the OSI funds, but they would consider the request.

Priorities for remainder of funds: trail map large, hand maps, trail tools (root wrench), money for events (Wildlife film festival? BioBlitz) naturalist speakers, gravel in landing, bench at the look out. Dina will cost out the price of a laminated large map at CopyWorld. Val will get details on the remaining funds from Susan. She estimates about \$2600 left in the account since the \$5300 accounting statement we received from Susan on April 30th. **At the next meeting, we MUST decide how to spend the remaining funds so Val can submit an extension request.**

VI. Val's timesheet. May-June 30, 2013. \$2,070 for 27 hours. Those hours include: interpretive walk grant, prep for town meeting, forest information meeting, Sugar Maple nursery education, Planning for talks/publicity, grant and contract extension. Courtney moved to approve he timesheet. Dina seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting: July 23 at Town Hall. Agenda: Sign/trail posts, management plan, OSI extension request. Val will contact Dave Paganelli. Ginny Barlow will participate also Courtney will contact her.

Meeting adjourned 8:44PM Courtney moved, Dina seconded. All in favor.

Adam and Amanda were thanked for their participation.
Submitted by Dina DuBois

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