

Minutes F.X Shea Town Forest March 13, 2014

Committee members present: Frank Roderick, Kevin Eaton, Courtney Haynes, Dina DuBois

Absent: co-ordinator val stori

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

I. Minutes. Frank moved to approve the minutes of Feb.5.2014. Dina seconded. All in favor.

II. Debrief Film Festival. This will continue next meeting with Val there. \$342.00 collected in this fund raiser. Discussion of the *date*. Lots of other activities that weekend. Perhaps an earlier date would be better or maybe even in mud season when there is no snow to compete for audience. Does a *walk* help bring people? Many on walk did go to the films. Do more *local films*. Do an *evaluation* sheet. Do *again* next year. Probably ran too long/too late. Energy and interest lagged.

III. Map of forest. Kevin and Frank and Courtney poured over the GPS created map to determine which to mark as blue, red, orange and maybe purple. Discussion of how the map will look dotted lines for unmaintained trails. Difficulty marked (moderate/easy/ and length of trail marked. Make map reader friendly.

IV. Weed Wrench. Kevin presented a bill of \$102 for the weed wrench to be kept in Town Hall basement with permission of Select Board.

V. Management Plan. Discussion focused on *trails* and rewording the trail standard and consideration of wildlife and sensitive habitat. *Signage* construction and installation wording was tackled. Written permission for new trails to be created. Discussed *parking* ...perhaps on the log landing if wet spots can be filled. And side of the road parking? The main question of the *vision* for the forest came up again: not harvesting? harvesting plan? Selective cutting? The *format* for the report was discussed. The Objective, Guideline, Action format used by foresters for client's plans is not the best one for the town's plan. It does create repetition and confusion over the difference between guidelines and actions.. It also may be too specific: naming organizations/schools to work with, specifying what would be done with those schools. Perhaps broader objectives would be best. Perhaps a simpler way to present the plan can be found. Courtney said she would tackle simplifying and abbreviating the plan for the next meeting.

Events. Dina will plan May date for badge work by Girl and Cub Scouts.

Next Meeting: April 29 7:00Pm Corinth Town Hall

Agenda will include going over abbreviated Forest management plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.