

## **F.X. Shea Town Forest committee minutes June 10, 2014**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

- I. **Minutes** of May 8 Courtney moved to approve minutes, Seconded by Frank. All in favor.
- II. **II. Trail Clearing. Sat. June 14 1-3PM.** Planning for trail clearing included identifying location for post holes. First three intersections is the priority. More people can carry posts to location 4 and 5. Others work on red trail which needs the most attention. Courtney will bring machine auger. Posts need to be 3 feet down. Frank will weed whip. Daniel will bring weed wrench and chain saw. Dina brings table, cake and cider. Courtney will bring extra maps and a chain saw. Will not paint trail colors on trees this time.
- III. **Maps.** The *kiosk* will have a large map with forest background and topographical lines in light opacity. Numbers for intersections or confusing turns will be included. Steepness/moderateness indications will be included perhaps with words rather than a code. Boundary. Kevin and Frank have flagged the boundaries. They will again with Courtney and GPS the boundary before walking it with the New owners, the Desmonds. Courtney and Ginny will look for other markers. Desmond markers are granite and pipe. Posts. Each post will have a number. Forest sign #1, Blue trail #2, Red-# 3, Orange #4. View post says "view".
- IV. **Management Plan.** Section on Ecological Health and natural Functions. Clarify meaning of natural *functions*. Harvesting will "*maintain*" rather than not "*degrade*" the ecological health. Rather than rare and nesting birds "*will be protected*", the wording is "*will be considered*" in any mowing. This paragraph will be in a different order and clarified and simplified. Clarify function versus feature. The Heading #4 Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat will be incorporated with the Ecological Health section.
- V. **Next meeting July -8 7:00PM at Town Hall.** Courtney moved to adjourn at 9:10 and Frank seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Dina DuBois