

F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee Minutes Aug.27, 2014

Committee members present: Courtney Haynes, Frank Roderick, Dina DuBois, Kevin Eaton.
Meeting called to order by Kevin at 7:08pm at Corinth Town Hall.

I. Agenda additions: Val payments and posting locations, tree cutting and UVLT easement visit.

II. Action on Minutes of July 16, 2014. Kevin entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Frank made the motion, Courtney seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

III. Communication with Val. Val emailed a notice of the Town Forest Summit meeting Sept.27.8:30AM in Barre. Frank and Courtney are considering going. Frank will contact Val about reimbursement and forest Story Walk.

IV. Posting locations. Discontinue inside Town Hall. Add third location at transfer station outside the gate. Amy Peberdy is designated posting person for meeting times and agendas for any town select board or committee meetings. Dina will continue to post meeting times and agenda at the library, E. Corinth store's open bulletin board and the E. Corinth Post Office. Dina will pu same on Facebook and include any events.

V. Post date Installation. Large posts have been exchanged for smaller ones. The committee will install the rest of the posts Sept.15 3:30 and designate what to write on the signs and to put on the map. Tamping tools, push pins, index cards, pails, gravel and shovels needed. Frank will bring a sample size for the signs..

IV. Maps- Orange and red blazes will be represented on the map as orange and red and not call the orange yellow.

V. Box design. The Cardboard box design made by Dan Wing will be taken to the kiosk on Sept. 15 to assess where to put such a box and if it fits and meets the needs.

VI. Tree cutting. Courtney will work with Tyler Mousley to cut blow downs where needed.

VII. Upper Valley Land Trust. Monitoring the forest easement was done by UVLT volunteer Mark Lembke with Courtney. They walked the blue trail and Courtney sent Mark a map. Need no motorized vehicle sign. Remove Ginny Barlow from Forest contact with UVLT.

VIII. Forest Management plan. Timber harvesting may remove economically mature trees to develop a resilient multi-age forest . Any income derived from harvesting would be dedicated to supporting the town forest.. Best practices would be employed to safeguard soil health, waterways, mitigate erosion and be consistent with other goals of the plan. The goal is to take the plan to the select board and by February..

IX. Other: Events. Courtney will follow up with the scouts and Ginny for a Scouting Outing to work on Forestry badges. Frank suggested coordinating events with the Conservation Commission to prevent overlapping education or dates. Forestry Artistry suggested by Dina. She'll talk to art teacher at the school. Shall we have another Haunted Howl at the October full moon?

X. Next meeting Sept. 15, 6:00PM at the Town Hall.

Agenda: 1. Change/additions to agenda, 2. Minutes, 3. Public comment, 4. Box discussion, 6 Map and sign posts names, 7. Forest management plan, 8. Events: Scouting Outing, Full Moon Haunted Howl, Forestry Artistry.

Motion to adjourn 8:46 by Frank. Seconded by Courtney. All in favor. Respectfully submitted, Dina DuBois