

Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest July 28, 2015. 7:30PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Frank Roderick, Courtney Haynes, Dina DuBois

8:00 arrival Kevin Eaton Absent: Val Stori

Meeting called to order at 7:30Pm with quorum of three.

- I. **Addition/change to agenda:** Events, Money for website pictures, waiver for forest events, Land trust assessment. Due to Val's absence no story walk report or email list use.
- II. **Minutes.** Incorporated Kevin's corrections and some grammar and spelling. Silva culture to silviculture, Eliminate first word Plan in 2nd sentence. Add They to third sentence. change "active forest management plan" to "commercial harvest". Change Demerow to Demrow.
- I. **Waiver.** Frank will bring to select Board and Nancy Jones the question of whether we should have a waiver of risk associated with hiking in the forest during events.
- II. **Land Trust assessment.** Frank will accompany Ella Chapman in the forest for the Land Trust's conservation easement assessment. He will also report back on trail clearing needs after that walk.
- III. **Events.**
Forest Photo Flower Flurry. Penny Andrews will guide a wild flower photo walk Sat. August 22 from 9:30-11am.
Trail Clearing Sept. 12. From 1-2pm.
Dina will explore with April Hallock at school the possibility of a sculpture making event in the forest a la Andy Goldsworthy perhaps with the guidance of Nikko who works at the Roots school in Corinth.
- IV. **Money matters.** Val's invoice was accepted. Anne McKinsey has asked, by request, from the select board to be paid \$37.50 for mounting photos of forest events on the town's website. Dina will ask if it would be less if only 3 pictures not in a slide show were posted. Anne may want it to be a slideshow to be consistent with other photos she mounts for the town website. Would come out of the forest budget.
- V. **Gate.** A wooden swing open gate to prevent vehicle use at the forest entrance was discussed. Kevin brought a post and galvanized stock gate to install. Discussed whether to paint it fancifully to make it less industrial looking in the natural setting. Kevin will install and then we can decide.
- VI. **Forest Map.** Kevin made request for topographical lines to be darker. Same shade for 50 % and 100%. Also add orange line to go from marker 3- to 5 on both the card size map and for the next edition of the large maps. Unmaintained trails will be consistently marked.
- VII. **Management Plan.** Ginny and Courtney will review the plan and then take it to Dave Paganelli for review by end of Sept. Then to select board for review and recommendations in October. Public comment and review would be in November.
- VIII. **Consolidate Forest Committee into Conservation commission.** Select board has requested the committee become part of the Conservation commission. The committee has operated with that presumption that after the completion of the trail maps, posted markers, building of kiosk and installation of trail markers that the conservation commission could take over the work of trail clearing, event planning budgeting and fund raising.
- IX. **Next meeting to be August 18th at Town Hall at 7:00PM.**
- X. **Agenda:** 1. Change/addition to agenda 2. Action on minutes. Management plan. 3. Budget report. 4. Story Walk Report. 5. Map Report. 6. 7. Trail description for three fold flyer. 8. Feedback from neighbors re boundary. 9. Schedule paint boundary date.
- XI. **Moved to adjourn at 8:45pm.** Moved by Courtney. Seconded by Frank. All in favor.
- XII. Respectfully submitted, Dina DuBois