

Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee Meeting. Nov. 10, 2015 7:30PM Corinth Town Hall, Corinth, VT

Present committee members: Frank Roderick, Courtney Haynes, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois, Val Stori

I. Action on Minutes. Cancelled meeting of Oct. 21, 2015. Kevin moved to accept, Frank seconded. All in favor.

II. Old Business. *Finance and Budget report.* Kevin has been reimbursed for material related to gate at forest. Courtney will check on reimbursement to RedStart Forestry for the thumb drive. Questions were raised about the fund balance, liability, deferred revenue. and the OSI grant. Frank and Courtney will talk with Susan and report back.

*Publicity.* Courtney has emailed Dina the revised forest map and directions to be made into cards by CopyWorld. Dina will forward the revised map to Anne McKinsey to replace on the town forest website. The three fold flyer for the kiosk is being worked on by Kevin. Courtney will assist. Dina reported that Anne McKinsey will post two pictures on the forest website as a volunteer. *Gate.* Town will clean the ditch at entry and then a post will be put up to make the gate closing more obvious to be closed. Frank reported seeing it left open three times. He posted on the gate a "No Vehicle" sign that he made.

*Trail clearing report.* The orange trail was cleared as was the red trail. Uncertain if larger logs were cleared on the blue trail. *Neighbor feedback.* Concerning boundary painting. Courtney will try again to reach Kathy Desmond and Michael Ray . Courtney and Frank will hope to meet them on Nov. 21. They will let Kathy know that posting safety zone signs would be up to her. They will use Redstart boundary paint and reimburse for that. The signs to post that visitors are entering the forest at boundaries will be purchased from UVLT. Courtney will pursue. We'll need 3 ½ inch aluminum nails.

II. Email list use. Val, who has resigned from the committee, reviewed the potential use she favors of the email list she has compiled for promoting events in the forest. There are no newspapers on the list. Notify Valley News, Bridge Weekly and the JO and radio station (The Point). She also sends a notice to Amy Cramer at WRVS, the West Fairleigh list serve and the Upper Valley List serve.

III. StoryWalk. Val will send the revised StoryWalk proposal to the Fields Pond, the organization for additional funding. The Kellogg Hubbard Library in Montpelier has done this idea with stories with laminated pages hung from stakes in the ground. This StoryWalk proposes permanent posts and platforms on which nature-based themed stories will be placed and spaced out along a trail. These story boards could also be used for other purposes like student art work of animals to be found in the forest, tree ID. Etc. Dina made a couple of factual corrections and recommended modifying what would be evaluated in terms of school students increased changes in literacy behaviors. She thought that unlikely from the casual and infrequent visitation of such Story Walks that something as specific as "a stronger appreciations or understanding of language and rhyming" would be measurable for evaluation. The concept of the librarian being involved with story selection and promotion of the StoryWalk is supported. A paid storyteller is also included. Dina also asked who would be writing the grant report and organizing the story walks. Changes will be made before Val sends the grant out. The question of volunteer time to match money granted was also raised as there seems to be limited participation with volunteers. Frank and Kevin agreed it is worth trying. Dina thanked Val for all her knowledgeable work on the Film Festival and publicity and reports and co-ordination during her time working with the Committee.

IV. Management Plan. Courtney is awaiting a response from Dave Paganelli, probably in December. She will get the conservation easement and Audubon report from Ginny or Val. The hope is to present the plan to the Select Board in January and unveil it to the public in February before Town Meeting in March 2016.

Next Meeting : Tuesday Dec. 8, 2015. Town Hall, Corinth

Agenda: 1. Management Plan. 2. Budget. 3. Boundary Meeting 4. Three Fold Flyer

Courtney moved to adjourn at 9:03. Frank seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina DuBois