

Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee Meeting
Feb. 22, 2016 Corinth Town Hall

Present committee members: Frank Roderick, Courtney Haynes, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois
Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Kevin.

- I. **Agenda.** No change to agenda.
- II. **Action on Minutes.** Eliminate typo “t” in paragraph on Management plan. Courtney moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor.
- III. **III. Old business. Bench.** Kevin talked to and will co-ordinate with Adam Miller to build a bench on a trail clearing day. Discussion whether to cut a trees or use fallen material. Adam has had this kind of experience. Date in April TBD. Dina will return Adam’s book and copies of suitable benches to Adam through the library. **Signs.** Courtney has not heard from UVLT about design and distance of placing. Will put up boundary signs during spring trail cleanup. Courtney asked for easement inspection report from UVLT to put in the file. Thumb drives will be kept in town Hall file cabinet with forest related photos and documents. (for example, the UVLT easement.)

Photo Gallery. Committee members viewed the Forest photos printed at the library and posted in the Town Hall hallway for viewing during Town Meeting and the Cookeville Café in March.. Dina has put all her forest photos in a computer folder to e added to photos on a thumb drive that Kevin created. Dina will create a box for the thumb drives so they won’t be overlooked in the file drawer.

Management plan. Frank offered a couple of typos. Dina listed variety of points for discussion: add 94 acres in vision instead of “Small”, points out public input session after Select Board approval has not been planned for. When completed those dates will go in the plan. Noted that TFC (The Forest Committee) may become part of the conservation commission and the committee may have a different name that is used in this plan. Courtney will add a paragraph about funding and fund raising. Change the date on p. 10 to 2015 for art in forest. Change date p. 13 for installation of gate to 2015. Trapping requires Select Board permission. Discussion whether to post on kiosk for any forest visitors if/when that trapping has occurred. P. 17. No chart needed for all goals and actions as they have been addressed in separate sections. P. 3 of silicultural plan. Eliminate the word *all* in paragraph three “to discuss *all* management activities”. Courtney will add language from Dave Paganelli to reinforce the need for a forester to supervise any harvesting, to act as the agent for the town.

The committee members all thanked Courtney for her persistent thorough, professional and dedicated work over years on this plan.

Courtney will talk to Steve Long, to see how to present the management plan to the Select Board.

Budget Frank and Courtney discussed the OSI money remaining, town funding and fund raising and Story Walk money .

Three Fold Flyer. Kevin and Courtney presented the text for the three trails and ideas for placing the map on the flyer. They will be meeting work on final changes to the map.

Boundary walking. Frank will connect with Mr. Desmond to walk that boundary after the snow is gone.

- IV. **New Business.** Kevin has given Sue Shea a photo booklet of forest pictures. Since Sue gave the forest land in her husband’s name a poster with his picture and background will be made to post on the kiosk. Dina will work on that.

Agenda for next meeting and date March21, 2016. 6:00PM Corinth Town Hall

- I. Agenda changes?
- II. Action on Minutes
- III. Old Business (OSI report, budget, signs, 3 fold flyer)
- IV. New business. Select Board feedback on Management Plan, public input on plan, Events: Spring clean up, other?)
- V. Other.

Courtney moved to adjourn 8:00PM Frank Seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by Dina DuBois