Minutes F.X. Shea Town Forest Committee Sept. 10, 2013

Members Present: Kevin Eaton, Frank Roderick, Courtney Haynes, Dina DuBois

Friend of the committee: Val Stori

Meeting called to order at 7:35.

I. Minutes. Courtney moved to approve the minutes of of August 14, 2013. Dina Seconded. All in favor.

II. Events. October 19 Hunter’s Full Moon Howl and Hike with Moon tunes and masks. The grand rumpus will be begin at 7 with anticipation of full moon rising as we hike and howl. Dina will contact Linda and Suzanne for singing starters. Val will make a poster. Thanks Val.

Next event: trail maintenance. Date to be decided at next meeting Oct. 15, 7:30 Town Hall, Corinth. Frank will check with Jerry Andrew about brush-hogging.

III. Kiosk report. Will Sandberg will make the sign in box. it was decided the roof will be dark green metal. Adam is working on the carpentry. Hope to install in the fall before hard frost. Kevin is documenting volunteer hours for the grant. Hope to get up the first sign post Adam can carve the signs or use Val’s router.

IV. Management plan. Courtney led a discussion about the process for building the plan: organization/format, the content and larger decisions. What is the time frame for doing this? When to present another draft, Shall people pair up to write sections? Dave Paganelli will help with looking over the next draft. Then have public input. Courtney will re organize the draft in response to written notes from committee members on the draft. Any comments/questions raised will be noted in the margin. Perhaps a set of goals will be organized as a list/table of contents before writing up each goal. Discussion ensued about priorities and whether we can be more systems oriented creating a circle of goals as they are all interrelated: ie. Healthy forest goal connects to low impact recreation as does wildlife habitat. One can’t have priority over the other as they interrelate. How to express that visually in a seemingly sequential document? Can’t say which is highest priority. Courtney drew a circle to represent this systems approach. Specific content topics such as camping or horseback riding will come at a later time. Val can write up national trail standards when that time comes.

Courtney will bring the next rough version of a draft to the next meeting.

Courtney moved to adjourn, Dina seconded. Adjourned at 8:56PM.

Submitted by Dina DuBois