

Fayston Natural Resources Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Present: Stan Button, Carol Chamberlin, Ned Kelley, Lisa Koitzsch, Ky Koitzsch

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

1. Public Forum

There was nobody present for the public forum.

2. Designate posting locations for agendas.

MOTION: Carol made a motion to designate the Waitsfield and Moretown Post Office boards as locations for posting of meeting agendas. The motion was seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

Ky suggested that the agenda include more description of the barn as a meeting location for the summer months; Carol will include this in the agenda for September. The meetings will move back to the Town Office in October.

3. Approve minutes.

MOTION: Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ned. All voted in favor. Lisa thanked Stan for producing thorough minutes in an extremely timely manner.

4. Welcome Wagon kits.

Ky and Lisa reported that the kits contain a wealth of valuable items and information, noting that even those items that are somewhat dated may prove useful to owners of large parcels. The committee reviewed the list of property owners provided by Liza Walker (Vermont Land Trust), which needs to be updated with current property owners. Lisa offered to work on updating the ownership of the parcels included in the list, and to search for other recent property transactions where it will be appropriate to provide the welcome kits to new owners. Once this update is complete, it will be determined how best to approach disseminating the kits among eligible property owners in Fayston.

5. Property updates.

Ky reported that Liza Walker has requested that the FNRC co-host the upcoming Bragg Farm Celebration, and also to help out during the event. Members will contact Liza will their availability; the event is scheduled for September 6.

Ky updated the group on the status of the upper house on the Tenney property, which the Land Trust has determined should be removed; several possible removal options were discussed, but nothing final has been decided upon.

6. VCF Small and Inspiring Grant Opportunity.

There are upcoming deadlines for this grant opportunity; Carol will investigate the parameters of the timing of the projects funded to determine if it is possible to seek funds for a community gathering at the McCullough Barn/Chase Brook Nature Center to be held within the upcoming year.

7. Fayston Town Plan input.

Carol asked other members to look at the goals and objectives of Chapter 3 of the plan in order to determine what items would be suitable to receive higher priority for completion.

8. Goals for 2014-2016.

It was agreed that a goal for the upcoming year is the creation and posting of better trail mapping/signage in the Chase Brook Town Forest, including the installation of a kiosk at the barn.

Other upcoming goals/projects will be based in part on Town Plan goals and objectives.

9. Other business.

Ned had spoken with Fred Gilbert, who expressed interest in being part of the FNRC. Ned will invite Fred to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.