

Fayston Natural Resources Committee

October 7, 2014

Minutes

Present: Lisa Koitzsch, Ned Kelley, Carol Chamberlin, Stan Button, and Fred Gilbert

ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Carol: Draft memo on habitat concerns with Tenney trails, pick up bucket and deliver to Marissa @ Bragg, talk to Select Board about new member Fred Gilbert
Stan: Submit bills ASAP for repayment from mowing and shed roof
Lisa: Update bucket spreadsheet, begin end of year report for Town Meeting, get FNRC account balances from Patti Lewis
Ky: Pick up two buckets and deliver to Gib Geiger and Chad Borofsky
Fred: Pick up bucket and deliver to the Jefferys
Ned: Pick up bucket and deliver to Gaylord

1. Minutes, New Member, and Meeting Schedule

Lisa moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Stan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

FNRC welcomed new member Fred Gilbert to the meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 11th at the Fayston Town Offices and Ky will take minutes. There will be no December meeting. There will be a meeting on January 6th and Ky and Lisa will join via telephone.

2. Welcome Wagon Kits

Lisa spoke to Liza Walker and there are approximately 20 buckets available for us to give out. FNRC is focusing on landowners with more than 25 acres and Lisa will be updating a preliminary spreadsheet that lists some, but not all, of these landowners. More landowners will be added to the list in 2015. The goal is to speak with landowners about their land, introduce them to FNRC, and let them enjoy a sap bucket full of treats, information, and resources. This month, FNRC members will each pick one landowner to give a bucket to and then report back on their progress at the November meeting.

3. Tenney Property

Stan, Carol, and Fred attended a recent meeting of Tenney Property stakeholders to discuss future trail systems. Sinuosity is designing several mountain bike/hiking loops for the property but work will not begin until the Land Trust has selected a farmer for the property. This gives stakeholders time to provide feedback on the proposed trails. FNRC members discussed the potential effect these trails will have on wildlife and habitat. There is some concern that one of the trails bisects important winter deer habitat. Carol will draft a letter to the Land Trust about our concerns and Lisa will help edit it.

4. Goals for remainder of 2014

Work on Town Meeting Report

Pass out buckets

Discuss next McCullough Barn Project – There is still \$937 left in the FNRC account and if this money is not spent, it will go away! Should we think about buying materials for the proposed kiosk at the barn? Should we contact Brian Seckler at Sugarbush about some possible trail signs or kiosk signs? **IMPORTANT DISCUSSION TO HAVE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING!**