

## FNRC Minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Members Present:

Ky Koitzsch, Cory Stephenson, Ned Kelley, and Patti Greene-Swift.

### Members Absent:

Peter Forbes, Jane Lazorchak, Stellan Wollmar

### Minutes of March 9, 2009:

Minutes were not available to all members, thus minutes were not discussed, changed, or approved.

### Update of FNRC Activities:

A discussion of activities during March were discussed by members including town meeting, tracking class with the Fayston Elementary children which included a fur bearer kit & the four wildlife stories which the kids really enjoyed. A slide show was used as teaching tool for wildlife tracking & about 45 minutes were spent in the forest tracking with Jane and Cory and Ned as guides.

Data sheets were given to Morey at Green Mountain Valley School so Morey could run a tracking workshop for the GMVS students. Corey will follow up with GMVS to find out how the tracking sheets worked with their students.

Ky will research which types of statistical databases will work well for keeping track of tracking data.

Tracking outing with Ned, Patti, and Cory went well; however due to an unplanned snowstorm folks didn't make it out to the training at the town forest.

### Chase Brook Town Forest:

Members discussed the transect maps, they look good however the key was incorrect so members are directed to change as follows: #4 green, #3 yellow, #2 purple, and #1 blue. Wildlife to track for the parcel will be deer, fox, bobcat, hare, grouse, and dog.

Patti will resume wetland delineations for the parcel in May. One wetland is completed, a second is underway, and the remaining two will be finished by fall. Ned will be assisting Patti as time allows.

Members will report on their sections at the next meeting. Patti will discuss wetlands and the physical setting using Fayston wetland, geology, and soil maps.

Ky will follow up on signs for the town forest.

Education & collaboration for FNRC members involving various professionals will be scheduled in the fall when more members will be attending meetings.

### Fayston Vernal Pool habitat:

Patti reported to members that on the first rainy nights of the season she began looking a possible vernal pool habitat crossing sites. German Flats road was found to have spotted salamander, wood frog, and spring peepers crossing, Route 17 was found to have wood frogs, and Bragg Hill Road prior to its intersection with Moulton had wood frogs and newts crossing. Patti emailed members of the FNRC and Margo of the Warren Conservation Commission regarding the opportunity to document species crossing on German Flats Road. A list of volunteers to call on warmish rainy nights was put together and Patti will call folks to come out when the weather is right, and research will continue. Patti will email members NH Vernal Pool booklets (which includes user friendly forms), and members will get an update at the next meeting regarding vernal pool activity.

(Remember 40 or more degrees Fahrenheit + dark + rain = good crossing night.)

**Annual FNRC Vote for Member Positions:**

Patti moved, and Ned seconded that Ky continue as Chair of the FNRC. Vote unanimous in the affirmative.

Ky moved, and Patti seconded that Ned be the new Treasurer of the FNRC. Vote unanimously in the affirmative.

Cory moved, and Ky seconded that Patti will be the Clerk of the FNRC. Patti agreed if the minutes were not attached to the functions of the Clerk. Vote unanimously in the affirmative.

**Next Tri-Town Conservation Committee Meeting:**

Ned will follow on a date and place for the next big conservation meeting to be held sometime in June.

**Next Meeting FNRC:**

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Fayston Town Office Building.

Respectfully,

Patti Greene-Swift