

FNRC Minutes of February 9, 2009 Meeting

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Members Present:

Ky Koitzsch, Ned Kelley, Jane Lazorchak, Peter Forbes, and Cory Stephenson

Members Absent:

Patti Green-Swift, Stellan Wollmar.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 12, 2009 meeting were approved.

Discussion Topics:

1. Chase Brook Town Forest:

A. Management plan table of contents. We briefly discussed this and Jane will continue to work on the next draft. Each committee member also volunteered to research different sections and to contact an expert in that particular field that may be able to speak to us about it. Peter chose Vision / Goals, Cory chose Education through Current Uses, Ned chose the sections pertaining to forests, we assumed Patti GS would want to tackle water and wetlands, Jane chose Landscape Context, Access and Land Use History, Ky chose Wildlife and Habitat. No Section was assigned to Stellan.

B. Vision Statement. Peter facilitated a discussion about the Vision Statement for the Chase Brook Parcel Management Plan. We discussed how our future will be different because of the parcel and what we envision the future holds for the forest, for the wildlife and wildlife habitat within the forest and for our relationship with the forest. From information gathered in this discussion, Peter will write a draft Vision Statement.

C. Mink Monitoring and Educational Opportunities: We further discussed the implementation of a mammal monitoring plan for the Fayston Elementary students. Ky brought a draft data sheet for review by the committee. Using input from the committee and Doug Bernstein a final sheet will be drafted by Cory. Ky and Ned Volunteered to establish transects on the parcel for the students to use to collect data. From GPS locations provided by Ky and Ned for the beginning and end of each transect, Jane will produce a map showing the locations of the transects. Cory is in the process of setting up dates to introduce this program to the students. March 5th and 12th were chosen as possible dates. During the first meeting with the students committee members will review the monitoring program, the target species, the map and the data sheet. The second meeting will be in the field to work with the sheets. Parent volunteers may be needed to help with the effort.

D. Winter Tracking Field Trip. The date is set and the article did appear in the Valley Reporter. Patti has been doing a great job in getting the word out. Hope we get a good turnout. Tracking conditions should be good.

2. Town Meeting- March 3rd 2009- Jane informed us that the town is going to publish the entire summary that she had submitted in the 2008 Town Report. We also discussed the need for a FNRC member to speak at Town Meeting to what we have been working on this last year, to point people to the display that Patti and Ned will create, and to help recruit other interested members. Cory volunteered to be our representative. We were also informed that the new town plan is online and will be voted on at town meeting.

3. Three Town Conservation Commission/Committee meeting: We reviewed the 3 town meeting to be held on Feb. 12, 2009. The meeting happened prior to the writing of these minutes so the outcome can be discussed at our next meeting.

Action Items:

Peter- Draft Vision Statement

Ky – Flag transects and get location info. to Jane for making map, Edit tracking forms and get to Cory

Ned – Flag transects and get location info. to Jane for making map. Work with Patti to create a display for Town Meeting

Cory- Plan with Jane the inside talk with the elementary students. Plan for Town Meeting Summary.

Jane – Create map for mammal monitoring effort. Give summary of 3 town meeting. Plan with Cory the inside talk with the elementary students. Ski a bunch.

Patti GS – Work with Ned to create a display for Town Meeting

Possible Agenda Items for :

Discuss outcome of 3 town Conservation Commission/Committee Meeting

Discuss Town Meeting – Was there good support for our committee and what we have been working on?

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, March 9th, 2009 at the Fayston Town Office Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ky Koitzsch