

FNRC Minutes of January 12, 2009 Meeting

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Members Present:

Ky Koitzsch, Ned Kelley, Patti Green-Swift, Jane Lazorchak, Peter Forbes, and Cory Stephenson

Members Absent:

Stellan Wollmar.

Minutes: Minutes from the December 8, 2008 meeting were approved.

Discussion Topics:

1. Chase Brook Town Forest:

A. Jane presented a draft table of contents for the Chase Brook Town Forest Management Plan. She supplemented information from the existing management plan with ideas drawn from Hinesburg and Charlotte town forest management plans. Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft. The committee agreed that we should add an Executive Summary which will give an overview of the management plan and the involvement of the FNRC with the Chase Brook Town Forest. From this discussion, Jane will draft the next version of the table of contents.

B. Vision Statement. In discussing the Vision Statement for the management plan we questioned who should write it and how we could get the town involved in this process. Along the same lines we discussed what entities we should get involved with writing the management plan (Ex. Friends of the Mad River). We decided our next meeting will focus on writing a draft vision statement that we can distribute to the public for their input. Jane asked Josh Schwartz from The Mad River Valley Planning District to facilitate the meeting. If he could not, Peter Forbes agreed to. Patti agreed to write up the draft.

C. Mink Monitoring and Educational Opportunities: Cory Met with Doug Bernstein to discuss educational opportunities for the Fayston Elementary students on the Chase Brook Town Forest and what they may already be doing. The students have been conducting some trail maintenance and would be excited to help with a mink monitoring program. With this in mind we reviewed two different tracking forms and agreed to test drive the forms in the parcel and see how we could modify them for the students to use. We all picked a week that we could visit the parcel to look for wildlife sign and try out the forms. Cory also spoke with AVEO and will continue to review educational opportunities for the student on the CBTF.

D. Winter Tracking Field Trip. We set the date of the tracking field trip of Sunday February 22, 2009 at 10:00 am. Patti agreed to lead the trip with the help of Jane, Ned, and Cory. Patti will write a letter announcing the field trip and submit it to the paper.

2. Minutes: Peter volunteered to take notes and write minutes for March, April and May 2009 meetings that Mary had previously volunteered for.

3. Three Town Conservation Commission/Committee meeting: A date was set for the 3 town CC meeting. It will be February 12, 2009 at the Gate House Base Lodge at Lincoln Peak. 7:00 pm is the start time. It would be great if we all could make it to get involved in the effort and meet the other valley CC members. You may have seen the draft Agenda for the meeting but in case you haven't I have attached a copy along with the minutes.

Action Items:

Ky – Will bring a draft tracking data sheet for the Fayston Elementary kids based on what he found while using the two existing forms on the parcel.

Jane - Next draft of management plan table of contents. Write summary for Town Report.

Patti GS – Bring card that we can sign to thank Mary for her help, friendship and participation with the FNRC. Thanks for offering to bring this Patti. Also, Patti you offered to dig into old minutes for past Chase Brook Parcel vision ideas. Write informational letter about Winter Tracking Field Trip and submit to paper.

All – Bring ideas for vision statement, test run tracking data forms on Chase Brook parcel and come to next meeting with thought on how we can modify these for kids to use.

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, February 9th, 2009 at the Fayston Town Office Building. See you then!

Respectfully Submitted,

Ky Koitzsch