

FNRC January Minutes 2010

Members Present: Ky Koitsch {chair}, Cory Stephenson, Patti Green Swift, and Ned Kelley.

Absent:Stellan Wollmar, Jane Lazorchak

Next Meeting:February 8th, 2010

Issues Discussed:

Vernal Pools----Patti talked about the proposed plan to do a three town coordinated plan with Friends of the Mad River heading it up, but thought we should stay in programs for each town, and to keep the number of stations to a minimum of three. Patti then gave her thoughts on the hot spots. We also decided to do a drive around to look for other activity so it would be three roadside teams, and one roaming team, or about 10 to 12 volunteers. We all agreed that there should be an article written up in the paper in advance to inform the locals of our activities, and to warn everyone to drive especially carefully on warm wet Spring nights. We looked at a map of the town and Patti said she would clean it up to show the individual roads more clearly. The areas of interest are: Harrison Hill, German Flats, and Ctr Fayston Roads. We also talked about coming up with a name for our group.

Chase Brook-Town Barn----Dori Ross[Mad River Path board member] joined us to help coordinate in organizing our thoughts and plans for the future of the old barn near the elementary school. There are thoughts of making part of the barn or an addition into a learning center for various groups especially the school. Ky said that Sugarbush still had 7 years left to maintain their "stuff" in it, but felt that they could be talked into removing it more quickly if we offered to help. Dori said that Yestermorrow was interested in a class project of adding on to the barn towards the brook. A number of options were tossed around about funding, and the fact that we need the town's approval. The legal issues also have to be addressed. One very good funding promotion is the idea of the outdoor classroom which could be used by many organizations. Plans were made to meet with the Select Board to discuss and organize on the 25th @ 6pm, Cori, Ky and Dori would try to attend. Brian Degan would be contacted to discuss his ideas for an Open Hearth Community Center. Ky spoke about the condition of the barn etc, what it would take to; 1-Restore it on site, 2- Disassemble, and restore on new location. He said he would work up some costs estimates. Cori, would contact Brian.

Boundary Markers;----Plans were to meet the following Sunday to install the Chase Brook Boundary Markers

Financial:----It was discussed and agreed upon that we should ask for \$1,500 this year to cover expenses, Patti GS would ask Patti L.

FNRC Town Report----Patti asked for comments on the report. Few additions and deletions, but overall GREAT JOB!!! We all will review our section