

## FNRC Minutes of November 10th, 2008

Members Present: Ky Koitzsch, Jane Lazorchak, Mary O'Leary, Stellan Wollmar, Ned Kelley, and Patti Greene-Swift.

Members Absent: Peter Forbes.

Guest: Corey Stephenson

### Chase Brook Town Forest:

The Chase Brook Forest educational walk & discussion was held on October 26<sup>th</sup>, and Patti, Mary, Ned, and Jane led two interested parties into Chase Brook Forest for a fun & interesting exploration of a (primarily) forested wetland. Jane wrote an FNRC article updating the activities of the FNRC for the VR. It was printed in the November 5<sup>th</sup> newspaper. Good work all for the walk & Jane for the article.

Chase Brook Forest is now a VT State designated Town Forest! Good work Ky for putting the town forest request through the approval process.

Reviewed the list of strategies for Chase Brook Parcel prepared by Tara Hamilton, and members commented as follows: Patti, wetlands need to be given more importance since they are used by *Mustela Vison* (mink), and buffers for wetlands also. The delineations for 2 wetlands are complete and will be written up in November. Mary will contact the town mowing crew to request that the cease mowing in the buffer of Chase Brook. The list of adjacent landowners is completed for the Chase Brook Town Forest, and FNRC Members are not ready to educate adjacent landowner yet (Jane with WHIP program will be involved?).

The next Chase Brook Town Forest educational/fun walk needs to be scheduled. Patti offered to do a tracking workshop & Jane is interested as well as Ned.

Next steps: Need to review Chase Brook Management Plan again for potential changes to improve the quality of management for the forest.

Complete boundary marking (obtain markers & signing) on the property.

Jane contact Josh at MRVPD to organize a 3 town conservation commission meeting.

Cory will look into monitoring the mink population utilizing a program similar to Keeping Track.

Ky will inventory the coarse woody debris in Chase Brook for planning purposes.

Patti write-up the two wetland delineations completed thus far.

Mary contact the town mowing crew to allow growth of (native) plants in the buffer of Chase Brook.

All: Review Chase Brook Management Plan again!!!

### Ancient Roads:

Title search proved to be difficult for parcels located off Sharpshooter Road, near the town's sand pit. FNRC will advise the Select Board on 11-10-08 that it would be more appropriate to have an attorney versed in title searches do the title search work.

FNRC Members met with the Select Board (SB) & the Selectmen agreed to contact the Town Attorney regarding the title search for the sand pit area properties ancient road.

FNRC Members will help the SB prepare for the required public meeting in December.

After the public meeting the two ancient roads will need to be added to the town highway certificate.

**Internal Committee Workings:**

Minute taking will be rotated on a three month schedule with all members involved. Jane will take minutes December – February, Patti will take minutes March – May, and Ky will do June – August. Other members will take on minutes from August onward.

Members need to be serious about their appointment to this committee—we haven't been able to approve minutes due to the lack of a quorum at meetings, and we haven't progressed through tasks requested of us in a timely fashion. We need more members to attend meetings—**Meetings are mandatory!** Ky will send a letter to FNRC Members reminding them of their responsibilities, and advertise for new members as necessary.

Need to start a file for forest & natural resource grants.

FNRC has a new member, Welcome Cory!

Meetings for All FNRC Members will be held every second (2nd) Monday in 2009, and once a month subcommittee meetings will be held (or as needed?) for special projects in process. See schedule below:

<b>Day:</b>	<b>Month:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>12/8/2008</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>1/12/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>2/9/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>3/9/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>4/13/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>5/11/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>6/8/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>7/13/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>8/10/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>9/14/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>10/12/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>11/9/2009</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>12/14/2009</b>

**Next Meeting FNRC:**

Next Meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Town Hall