

# Fayston Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2009

## Members present

Patti, Cory, Ned and Ky were present.

## August 2009:

the August minutes were not reviewed, we were at the Tri-town meeting for September

## Three Town Conservation Commission meeting Update

The tri-town meeting was Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Knoll Farm. There was good pizza and good apples from Ned.

There was much enthusiasm for the welcome wagon kits. 250 kits will be available statewide this year, and they are targeted for landowners with 25 acres or more--new and old. The list has been generated and will be refined.

+One question was how to add landowners to the current list which is comprised of new owners, size, and location meshed with arrowood data. Who are the target landowners as of now?

A card for volunteer sign ups was passed out. Two volunteers will go to each landowner's house. First training date will be October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. One other training date will be provided.

+talked about having everyone introduce themselves, but only one representative from each commission do the update to save time

The three Con Coms then gave updates on their work. Fayston's work seems fun and exciting.

+Of note: Warren is recommending that all permits are run by the con com first before going to ZA. Shane has contacted Ky about setting something similar up in Fayston. It would not be mandatory for applicants, but could help the run more smoothly and save everyone time.

**ACTION ITEMS: Who took the minutes and can we get a copy distributed?**

## FWCP Update:

The focus has been on the Welcome Wagon kits.

An education subcommittee is in the works with Elizabeth Caldwell, Caitrin Noel and Cory.

## **No Action Items**

### **Farmer's Market Update:**

Caitrin and Ned have both been to a farmer's market and had some good conversations. Cory was rained out the first weekend in Oct., and failed to find the maps/handouts at the Gen. Wait House the second weekend.

One suggestion is to add a contact person to handouts for people to call with wildlife sightings at the crossings marked on the maps.

### **Chase Brook Town Forest**

**Barn and Land around Parking lot:** Would like the opportunity to assess the barn to determine if structurally sound. Could be used as some type of education center, or perhaps garden shed for school garden placed on land adjacent to parking lot.

First step is to contact Sugarbush and find out what they plan to do with all of the "equipment" in the barn.

**Flagging and Boundary Markers:** We are working to replace the transect flagging with ripstop material, and pull all other unnecessary flagging and PVC pipe. would like to do this before leaf drop. Cory, Ned and Ky will work on the transects and extraneous flagging next Tues. morning from 10-12. Patti will clean up flagging around seeps and remove PVC pipes if possible.

Will wait for leaf drop to put up the markers. We had budgeted metal signs for every 100' feet with money for paint blazes in between. Since we have gone with plastic, we may be able to place markers closer. Ky will investigate.

**School Opportunities:** The Reverance of Place Project is at the school for review, and would be in place for next school year. This year, we talked about asking the 5/6 students to help us create simple trail maps, and perhaps help name the trails. We can also continue our mammal monitoring by holding a few field days for data collection with students. Cory will look into the possibility of the Mad River Rec. department's grant to help with any and all of the above. Once our management plan is in place we can look to State-level funding through Forest Parks and Recreation dept.

### **Management Plan:**

What's happening?

It is overwhelming to some to try and get "experts" to come in and speak to each section. Also don't want to waste their time if only a few people show up to the meeting.

New plan for the plan is for each person to find the experts for their section, educate themselves and then bring this new information and rewrite of the section back to the group, he/she can then volunteer to present their section at an upcoming meeting when he/she feels ready to do so.

We found a listing of who signed up for what section on the first TOC draft that Jane did in January. We are wondering if there is a newer version?

The goal would be to have a draft ready for by Town Meeting, perhaps a little earlier to allow Select Board to review first.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Ky will call Sugarbush to see what their timeline for "stuff" removal from Barn.**

**Cory, Ned and Ky will rehang flagging for transects and remove other flagging on Oct. 20th from 10-12.**

**Patti will remove extra seep flagging and PVC pipes if possible.**

**Everyone--hang boundary markers after leaf drop.**

**Ky will investigate and update us on new cost of markers and how many we can get.**

**Jane will send out the newest version of the Table of Contents that she has.**

**Recruiting new Member**

We talked of ways to try and recruit new members, through a blurb in the paper with an update of our happenings, or perhaps try to get a hike to Burnt Rock scheduled that may be more of a draw than Chase Brook.

**Next Meetings:**

Our next meeting is November 9th

**Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully,

Cory Stephenson, FNRC Member