

FNRC Minutes

June 4, 2013

Members Present:

Cory, Ned, Gene, Stan, Carol, Ky, Lisa

Minutes: Minutes from the May 7, 2013 meeting were discussed. Ned moved to approve the minutes and Stan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Discussion:

Natural Resources chapter of Town Plan: We discussed that the Planning Commission is looking at the goals and objectives of this section, that new verbage has been added in addressing wind and solar power, and zoning that prohibits building at elevation and installing wind towers. The only restriction to building is that no residential building can occur in the Forest District-there are no specific elevation restrictions. We discussed possibly addressing this with the PC but the general consensus was that working on maintaining core habitat connectivity and reducing fragmentation using existing natural resource maps would be best as setting elevation restrictions would be too restrictive of property owner's rights.

Association of VT Conservation Commission Tiny Grant: We discussed whether we should apply for the grant and what project we needed the grant money for. Options included using funds to offer a NEI class to Fayston Residents (Discovering a sense of place) or for completion of the barn (install windows/doors and/or install shed roof on stream side of barn). We decided funds could be better used to finish the barn as that was a more tangible project. Carol offered to write the grant with the help from Lisa and Ky will get Carol materials cost for shed roof addition. Deadline is June 15th and the amount is for between \$250 and \$600.

Barn Finishes:

We agreed that finishes to the barn include installing up to 10 windows and 2 sliding doors (also add a man door to stream side), building a shed roof on the stream side of the barn, replacing existing rough stone at gable door entrance with Stamat for a smoother transition to the building especially for handicapped visitors, acquiring stones for the future steps installed by VYCC, and working on the grounds including cutting poplar saplings, spreading mulch on paths, cutting knotweed, and piling remaining boards and tin at road for free pick up or taking down to transfer station. Ky and Stan (and others where necessary) with the help of Steve Scherer will install windows and doors, Stan and Ned will supply some stone for the stairs, all else offered to help where needed. Stan and Ned will meet with VYCC crew leaders on June 15th. Lisa can post free boards and tin on the Fayston Front Porch Forum. Before spreading StaMat we should probably remove some of existing stone (maybe use for stairs project) and form a gully so water doesn't run into the barn. We would like to wrap up much of the barn finished by June 14th.

Engineering Study to implement travel plan for Fayston School: Cory is working as the FNRC rep on the study. Options on the table include sidewalks and crosswalks, underpass and overpass. The first public meeting will be held at the Fayston Elementary School on June 12th at 6:30 – all are welcome to attend and the Travel Plan is posted on the school website. Cory will send us all a link.

Fayston Conservation Reserve Fund (FCRF): We discussed the SB's concern that we have better long term communication with them concerning the FCRF. Stan suggested we meet with them as early as August or September to review the use of the fund, the amount in the fund and the suggested allocation to the fund for the next year. We also discussed the importance of separating the FNRC from the perceived "ownership" of the fund and that it is a public fund controlled by the SB and we simply advise them on its use.

Action Items:

Tiny Grant – Carol and Lisa write grant proposal. Ky get material costs for barn work to Carol and Lisa.

Barn Finishes – Ned will inquire about how much \$ we have for project; Ky and Stan work on installing windows and doors, others help where needed; Stan and Ned supply stone for stairs; Lisa post free boards and tin on Front Porch Forum; Ned and others kill knotweed; Cory and others mulch paths.

Fayston Travel Plan – Cory - Kick butt with the study and keep students safe!

Meeting Schedule for rest of 2013: 7:00 in the Town offices (Note name of person responsible for minutes)

July 2 – Stan

August 6 – Carol

September 3 – Lisa

October 1 – Ned or Gene

November 5 – Patti GS

December 3 – Cory

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 7 pm at the Town Offices

Respectfully Submitted,

Ky Koitzsch