

Fayston Natural Resources Committee

September 1, 2015

Minutes

Present: Lisa Koitzsch, Carol Chamberlin, Ky Koitzsch, Stan Button, John Atkinson, Liza Walker, Will Flender

ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Carol: Ask Jean if we can get bottle box removed from barn
Lisa: Confirm with Ed Read re: mowing next summer
Ky: Follow up with Brett Belknap on sign, work with Stan on kiosk, hand in bucket form to Liza Walker
Ned: Knotweed removal
Fred: Hand in bucket form to Liza
All: Develop a quote for Liza Walker about FNRC's support of the Tenney property

1. Minutes and Meeting Schedule

Carol moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Ky seconded the motion, and all approved. This is Stan's last meeting and everyone expressed appreciation for all his hard work and dedication.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at the McCullough Barn.

2. Sign, Kiosk, Bottle Collection, and Mowing

Ky and Lisa met with Brett Belknap and saw a draft of the McCullough barn sign. He will be working on the sign over the next month. Stan and Ky plan on getting together soon to work on the kiosk. Carol will contact the school again about the bottle collection container that has been left in the barn. Lisa will confirm with Ed Read that he will be able to mow the area around the barn next summer now that Stan will no longer be on the Committee.

3. Tenney Property and other property updates

Liza Walker of VLT provided FNRC with an update on the Tenney Property. Marble Hill, LLC (Sebastian von Trapp) will be the new owner of the Tenney Property in about 2 weeks and the partnership plans to produce cheese and raise goats, game birds, and vegetables. The red house has been removed and the materials are being reused. The second house will be renovated as a farm labor house. There is a new 1 acre building site on the land that will be developed as a single family home in the future. There is a well being drilled next week and a new mound septic system has been installed.

John Atkinson provided an update on the trails on the Tenney property. Sinuosity, the company designing the trails, has made a few revisions to its original plan based on requests from Marble Hill LLC. Some existing trails will be closed but two new trail easements have been conveyed to Mad River Path and to the Catamount Trail. John and Will Flender of Mad River Path handed out a map of the proposed/existing trails and that map will be attached to these minutes. John also reported on the work that has been done on the Chain Gang mountain bike trail in Phen Basin and that additional Phen Basin trails are being planned. He also talked about trail work on the Howe block near Dana Hill. Will Flender said that the Mad River Path has removed the trash can from the Town Forest property as it is difficult to maintain. Instead, the Path will be placing signs at the trail head. He told FNRC about a valley wide transportation plan that is currently under discussion. This plan will focus on the Valley's overall vision for its trail network and on the management and funding of trails.

Ky told FNRC about his work replacing windows in the Bragg Farm Barn this summer.

4. Land Owner Information Buckets

A few buckets have been handed out to landowners in the Fayston community and Liza needs FNRC to return the questionnaire from each of these landowner visits. She will then hand this information in to the State of Vermont and to the Forest Coverts program. Ky and Fred still need to hand in their questionnaire. Liza will update the list of landowners to include all owners and not just new landowners and then send the updated list to FNRC members. The goal of this program is to educate landowners on forest management and forest connectivity.