

FNRC Minutes of May 17, 2011 Meeting

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Members Present:

Ky Koitzsch, Ned Kelley and Cory Stephenson

Members Absent:

Patti Green-Swift, Lisa Koitzsch

Minutes: Minutes from previous meetings were not discussed.

Discussion Topics:

1. **Structure of FNRC:** With dwindling membership and active members who have been putting in more than generous hours on our projects, we have not been able to keep up with our meetings. As a result, our meeting schedule and structure has crumbled. In this state we agreed that it is difficult to recruit. We also discussed the fact that we may need to hold regular meetings with a formal structure to be recognized by the state as a conservation commission. We also wondered if we need to retain a certain membership to be recognized.
2. **Recruiting:** After speaking with a potential recruit this morning, I realized that without a structure we don't have a base from which to recruit new members, nor do we have a list of projects that we want to recruit new members to help with. With that we brainstormed and came up with the following list of project priorities for the FNRC.
 1. Fund Raising for the McCollough Barn Project
 2. Need of establishing a Fayston Conservation Fund. This would help to be in sync with the other towns and our collective involvement with the Forest, Wildlife and Communities Project. We agreed that this idea should be submitted as an Article for discussion at the 2012 Town Meeting.
 3. Help with the renovation of the McCollough Barn
 4. Re-work the Chase Brook Parcel management plan
 5. Town Picnic
3. **Fund Raising for Barn:** Ideas, including a Flat Bread benefit dinner, applying for a grant from the Mad River Rec District, applying for a grant through the Historical Society, and a Contra dance at the Knoll farm were discussed. We agreed to pursue the dinner and grants in the near future and plan the dance for the fall.
4. **Reverence of Place:** Cory shared the latest activity with the ROP project and that on June 6th they will celebrate the completion of the project. The FNRC agreed to help with signage for the project and that Ky and Cory would get together to install sign posts and that Ky will prepare sign stock for the project.
5. **Mission Statement:** We all agreed that it is good that we have a mission statement to review at times and share with potential recruits.
6. **We distributed a meeting schedule into 2012.** Meeting times will be at 6:30 unless otherwise communicated. Unless we need to meet with the Select Board or Development Review Board we will meet at the office of *Alces* Post & Beam.
7. **Additional information needed by the Fayston DRB prior to June 14th**

Action Items:

- Ky and Lisa – Prepare and submit grant application to Mad River Rec. District for barn project
- Ky – Meet Cory at Chase Brook Parcel to install sign posts and prepare sign stock; submit additional materials requested by DBR for review of permit application; email mission statement to members

Cory – Acquire sign posts and set up time to meet Ky to install them, call Zelda at Historical Society to discuss possible grant funding for barn project

Ned – Call Flat Bread to discuss barn fund raising dinner and get available dates; follow up with Arthur Williams about donating money

All – Review Chase Brook Management Plan for discussion on revisions at next meeting

Possible Agenda Items for June 14, 2011 Meeting to include discussion of:

1. Barn Project
2. Revisions to Chase Brook Management Plan
3. Status of Barn Fund Raising
4. Status of recruiting
5. Structure of FNRC

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday June 14, 2011 at Fayston Town Office. This is an important meeting as we will meet with the DBR to continue our hearing to secure a building permit for barn reconstruction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ky Koitzsch