

Ashley Community Forest Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday 10/6/22, 6:00 p.m.

Sharon Academy High School, Sharon, Vermont

In attendance: Rob Stainton, David Paganelli, , Judith Faulk, Kevin Gish, Micki Colbeck

August 15th Minutes - approved.

September 8th Minutes - approved.

September 29th Minutes - no quorum.

1. Welcome the Public - Input and Concerns, Morgan Fisk, Neil Goodwin. Emailed response to both by Annie. Question about who should be cc'd in the response. All board members for any major topic. Just the board, not the friends. Annie suggests that Erik is the contact person for schools who want to use the Forest for their educational programming. Annie will speak to Erik about this.

2. There was a Tour of ACF on 10/2/22

3. Discussion of Black Locust Project

- Does not currently have permission from the board. Two aspects: kiosks - twelve posts (2 per kiosk). For the following towns Sharon, Tundridge, Ashley, Manning Trail, Strafford, Royalton. Wood also for the Strafford town house bell tower.
- Proposal to the board that the Black Locust be cut from the Ashley Community Forest and donated to the projects. Motion to donate lumber proposed by David Paganelli. Seconded by Annie Pennfield. Motion passed unanimously.
- Volunteer Service Agreement for the work is being proposed. A sample has been passed around. Rob is going to make one for the project.
- Discussion of how to pay for milling.

4. Discussion of School Communication – calendar, contact person, form. See minutes for number 1. Needs a formal blurb that we can give everybody. What are school students allowed to do in the forest and in particular the foundation of the house.

5. Planning for 10/27/22 Public Input Meeting - should be warned at least a week ahead of time. Judith will put it on the town Listserv. Micki will put it on Facebook. Warning should include the Zoom link.

- a. Technical responsibility - Annie will set up the screen and computer. Can be attended in person or online. Annie's daughter will run the tech on the night.
- b. Stewardship plan elements.
- c. Posting of the Stewardship plan. Annie will put the whole document together and send it to David. History to be moved from education to introduction.
- d. Listserv/Facebook posting plan.
- e. Framework of program. Introduce the board and the task at hand. Developing a stewardship plan for the forest for the next ten years. Questions and comments from the public will be the bulk of the meeting. Proposed by Micki that there is a summary of each section, which includes who was involved in developing the plan.
- f. Recording public input. Rob will be responsible for writing comments from public input and the meeting will be recorded.
- g. Revised draft stewardship plan discussed at 11/3 ACF Board meeting.
- h. Submitted to VLT and VHCB for their review and approval.

6. Other Business

- a. Discussion of Land Acknowledgement and its inclusion in the Plan. All agreed that it should be included.
- b. Confirm regular meetings (first Thursdays). After a public meeting and review and approval of the management plan .

Next meeting. October 27, 2022 at Justin Morrill Education Center, Strafford.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM