

Fremont Open Space Committee Minutes – Nov 1, 2011

Approved February 7, 2012

- Meeting was convened at 7:05 PM. In attendance were J. Karcz, J. Downing, J. Ragonese, and D. Howland.
- Minutes Aug 2, 2011 were approved.
- Trail Maintenance and development report - D. Howland
 - Glen Oakes
 - Installed Town Forest Ordinance sign on the metal post at extension of Homestead
 - Installed Town Forest Ordinance sign and a metal post on Barred Owl Trail at tree line
 - Improved Blazing on Woodland trail
 - Oak Ridge
 - Parking area cleaned up
 - Cleaned up drainage ditch after DES visit.
 - All new trail segments cleared and blazed
- Smith project going ahead, grant applications continue.
- Fall Foliage hike in Oak woods - 17 attendees, did complete Oak Ridge North Trail system, in spite of high water on tavern road, and saw very large bobcat!
 - Much discussion about how to improve the access on Tavern Road. Something will eventually have to be done or we will lose access for much of the year.
- Selectman approved putting Oak Ridge Town Forest Sign in Tavern Rd right of way. No decision on whether to allow "advertising" location of town forests via signage on other town roads.
- PSNH grant application rejected. Reason cited was "too many good applications". We will try again next September, but this means little to no money for any trail work or improvements. We spent \$105 out of Open Space account this year, and would need another \$35 (+-) to erect Oak Ridge sign in north parking lot. Next two meetings should include discussion of what projects to seek funding from Conservation Commission.
- Site walk planned for Nov 5th with Oak Ridge abutter to discuss trail locations and ATV activity.
- It was agreed we should review and likely take down some of the older postings on the Open Space page of the town web site.
- Next Meeting - Tues Feb 7, 2012
- Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 PM

Minutes as submitted by Chairman Dennis Howland.