

Fremont Open Space Committee Minutes – Feb. 7, 2012

Approved May 8, 2012

- Meeting was convened at 7:05 PM. In attendance were J. Karcz, J. Downing, M. Thomas, L. Harris, S. Harris and D. Howland.
- Minutes of Nov 1, 2011 were approved.
- D. Howland gave update on Smith project including preliminary identification of "high and dry" vs "low and wet".
- Misc CC items
 - Feb 13th CC meeting to review Glen Oakes forestry plan and discuss logging
 - CC to start process of getting conservation easement for Oak Ridge
- D. Howland gave report on Oak Ridge Sign Vandalism
 - Police report filed
 - Damaged signs repaired, post #8 still missing
- Snow shoe hike - Feb 11th - plan is to hike to "the island".
- D. Howland gave update on Cordes trail crossing, Final discussion TBD, but we will investigate options to avoid crossing private property.
- The group discussed some ideas for activities for 2012. Attached is a list of possible actions. Items in bold received the most support or interest. Some of these activities do not require any financial resources, but many of the most supported activities do require some expense. We will make another attempt at a PSNH environmental grant, but this will not generate any funds for 2012. Logging operations could provide some funding, subject to priorities, but that will not help for 2012. There remains about \$200 in the Open Space account. That amount would be sufficient to address the items in bold on the list, but these would use most of it. Further, there would be no monies to support anything more significant such as a Kiosk in Oak Ridge North, bridging of any wet areas or water crossings, or new signage for Smith. D. Howland to review with CC, and to see if other funding is available.
- Next Meeting - Tues May 8th, 2012 (This is a week later than normal for this meeting.)
- Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 PM

Minutes as submitted by Chairman Dennis Howland

POTENTIAL Activities for 2012

Trail Maintenance

- **Replace missing Oak Ridge Post #8 and its signs.**
- Brush short link between Forest and Homestead (old green trail)
- Brush and clean Pikes Pass.

Trail Improvement

- **Mailbox on Glen Oakes kiosk to hold trail maps**
- **Revisit Homestead blazing to make sure adequate.**
- **Install Oak Ridge Town Forest Sign in northern parking lot.**
- Oak Ridge - Blaze Post 6 by pass (around Spring mud hole)
- Oak Ridge - rt 2 water crossing - re-route trail to higher ground and blaze
- Oak Ridge - Move Beaver Dam by post 3
- **Improve Tavern Road access to Oak Ridge North**
- Snowmobile Designated trails
- " NO ATV" signage

NEW Trail Development

- **Cordes By-Pass**
- **New trails in Smith parcel?**
- Northern mini loop in Oak Ridge
- Return Ridge Trail to orig. route
- Brentwood tie-in.

Promotion

- Articles in Town newsletter
- **Slide show posted on (new) town web site**
- **Develop a "winter" trail map and/or winter overlay which would "designate" which trails were multiuse and allowed snowmobiles, and which trails were "pedestrian".**
- Ribbon cutting for SMITH
- **New trail map for Oak Ridge N&S**
- Trail Map for Smith
- Oak Ridge North KIOSK
- Neighboring Town cross pollination? - joint walks?

Public Involvement

- clean up day
- **hikes**
 - **Owl Walk**
 - **Orienteering**
 - **geocaching**
- photo contest
- Boy Scout project