

Fremont Open Space Advisory Minutes May 7, 2013

Approved August 6, 2013

- Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM. In attendance were J. Karcz, J. Downing, S. Harris, M. Thomas, and D. Howland.
- Minutes of Feb 4, 2013 were approved.
- Trail report
 - Downed trees at ORN post 8 are cleaned up off the trail. Anything more will require chain saws and taking the entire tree down. No blockages, no hazards.
 - Pine blew down across the trail in ORN in from post 4. ("step over")
 - We still have a leaner on Homestead. Probably could be taken down with a hand saw.
- Since last meeting the "to tavern rd" signs on both posts 7 and 8 were taken down and left leaning on post 6. I reinstalled the one on post 7, but post 8 is waiting for new sign to be made.
- Still waiting to hear from Phil Auger regarding dates of trail work in Kelliher Memorial Forest. SELT is planning a hike Sat. May 25th.
- Input was solicited from FCC regarding potential Open Space projects. Since no CC meeting was held last night, there was no official response. However the following has been suggested.
 - Monthly monitoring of Glen Oakes and Oak Ridge. The assumption was that this was primarily a monitoring of the trail system and any infrastructure.
 - The group thought this was a good thing to do, but that quarterly was adequate. Further, it was felt that this is already being done informally and we simply need a way to record what is taking place already.
 - Annual monitoring of all conservation easements held by the town.
 - The group felt this was a far more difficult and complicated task than monitoring of the town forests. Much more detailed information would have to be provided to "whoever" takes on such a task. Details on location, specifics of what is being monitored, gaining access from landowners were just some of the questions. It would seem that although some of the members of the Open Space Group might participate in such an activity, this activity should remain the responsibility of the Conservation Commission.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING Aug 6, 2013 - Main floor Town Hall

-Minutes as submitted by Chairman Dennis Howland.