

Fremont Open Space Advisory Minutes of Aug 5, 2014

- Meeting was convened at 7:12 PM. In attendance were J. Karcz, J. Downing, and D. Howland.
- There were no minutes of the May meeting since that was a working session to install the Oak Ridge North Kiosk.
- D. Howland discussed his experiences attending the South East Land Trust annual meeting. Group reviewed some of the history of this organization and agreed that this group is a "player" in conservation efforts in and around Fremont. As such, the group felt better lines of communication should be established to make sure the town of Fremont is in the loop. (Subsequent to the meeting, we found out that a representative from SELT will attend the next Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for August 18th.)
- Glen Oakes trail activities -
 - Link Parking sign re-installed
 - Homestead double arrow sign re-installed
 - Re-grading the Homestead trail in those locations of logging activity has begun. This helps to clarify the trail location. It was agreed that this will not help once snow is on the ground. Some additional blazing or signage may help.
- Fall Foliage Hike - Group felt this was a good idea, and suggested that the new trail constructed in the cooperage housing development would be a good choice (between the end of the development and Beede Hill Rd.). This would be a good way to introduce and publicize the new trail. The drawback is that this would result in a rather short hike (1 mile round trip). For the hard core, we could invite anyone who wanted more to Glen Oakes for a short walk to see the results of last winter's logging.
- The tradeoffs between painted trail blazes and metal or plastic blazes was discussed. Painted blazes are quicker to put up but require frequent maintenance as the blazes must be repainted. Physical blazes, nailed to trees, take a little longer to install, but can give us a much longer life, as many as ten years. This will be brought up to the Conservation Commission.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING - Nov. 4, 2014.

-Minutes as submitted by Chairman Dennis Howland.