

Fayston Natural Resources Committee Minutes
July 1, 2014 @ McCollough Barn, 7 to 9PM

Present: Ky Koitzsch, Lisa Koitzsch, Ned Kelley, Gene Fialkoff, Carol Chamberlin, Stan Button
Guest; Cory Stephenson, Jen Higgins from Lichen Rock Forest School and Liza Walker from VLT

1. Final review of “Tiny Grants”: shed roof project

It was agreed by all members that Carol’s completed report looked great and ready to be submitted to the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.

Carol brought up the possibility of applying for another grant offered by the Vermont Community Foundation’s Small and Inspiring Grants. Ky thought one option could be to help pay for a Fayston community gathering to celebrate the completion of the barn. We also talked about possibly holding a community contra dance.

2. Lichen Rock Forest School

Cory & Jen arrived to tell us about their new Lichen Rock Forest School. They asked about the possibility of utilizing the barn and the Town Forest as a site for the school. We all felt that the barn/forest would be a great for this purpose. Carol felt that the select board should approve or disapprove of this use. Lisa made a motion that FNRC support the school’s use of the forest & barn. The vote passed unanimously. We also recommended that these 3 items be addressed when presenting to the board: Liability Insurance, on site toilet facilities & fire building site.

3. Tenney Property

Stan, Gene and Liza reported on the meeting held at the Wait House on June 23rd. Present at that meeting were representatives from VLT, Mad River Path, Catamount, Mad River Riders, FNRC and Sinuosity. The purpose was to discuss potential trail placement on VLT Tenney property and how any new trails could tie in with the existing trail network. Sinuosity will be reporting back to VLT & Mad Path regarding trail location options.

4. VLT

Liza informed us that VLT would like to hold a celebration at the Bragg Farm to thank large donors and the Town of Fayston sometime in September. We all agreed that FNRC should support this and put off a separate gathering at the Mccollough barn for now.

Liza also brought us a sample “Welcome Bucket” from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. They are left over from an ANR program that ran several years ago. Ky and Lisa are reviewing the contents to assess their value for educating Fayston residence and landowners holding larger tracks of land.

5. Next FNRC meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 5th, at 7:00pm at the McCollough Barn.**

Submitted by – Stan Button