

Stranahan Stewardship Committee Meeting

October 19, 2015 Old School House Commons 6:30 pm.

Members Attending: Diana Batzel, Jim Brimblecombe, Ed Jalbert, Jenny Warshow, (Guests) Janet Nielsen, Rich Phillips; **Absent:** John Domey,

Discussion: Under new business Jenny talked about the “Eyes On The Land” exhibit at the Shelburn Museum. Discussion then turned to the Thompson Road repairs. The beavers appear to be gone though not through our doing or knowledge. Jim talked about members of the Conservation Commission appealing to the Select Board to work with the beavers and using alternatives to control them. He did not get to recommend our suggestions for repairs. Ed will be attending the next Select Board meeting and make the recommendation to have Danny Tetrault do as much repair work on the road as he can. It was suggested to dig a trench along the dam to act as a catch basin and fix the culvert. It may be too late in the season at this point to get the work done. Rich also talked to John Schmidt to see if the snowmobile club would be doing any work to the trail for sledding. J. Schmidt directed Rich to contact David Spooner, the rep. for our county, for information. In regards to the bike trail, Sarah Galbraith contacted us about new maps and signage. Mapping changes should go through Jenny and we should make sure they use aluminum nails for signs. No logging bids have come in as far as we know. Ed will be attending the next S.B. meeting to gather any new information. If no bid comes in, we should consider fixing the parking area on the Jake Martin road and reopening that trail. We may also need to consider what no bid means to our logging position. Work needs to get rolling on updating the Management Plan; members should reread the plan and be ready to discuss at next meeting.

Previous minutes were approved.

Actions: Ed will attend next Select Board meeting and make recommendation to repair Thompson Road and also update members on logging bid. Diana will contact the bike club.

Next meeting November 16, 2015 @6:30 pm Old School House Commons.

Agenda: New business, minutes, Thompson Road repairs, bike trail, logging bid, management plan.

Approved: 12-21-15

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