

MINUTES

Community Forest Committee Meeting

Canaan Community Building

Thursday, January 20, 2022

6:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Gail, Yvan, Chris

Others: Monique P.

I. Call to Order: **6:00 PM**

II. Discussion/Action – Review and Approval of Minutes from Thursday, September 16, 2021

Motion _____ Second _____ Action passed over

III. Review of Last Year's Annual Budget and Preparation of Budget for 2022-2023

Motion _____ Second _____ Action No Action Taken

Two major changes to the budget were adding in \$7000 to improve the bathroom facilities at the camp and \$2500 in support of the pole barn construction.

IV. Discussion - Update on Request to Move Snowmobile Trail

Monique P. talked about her desire for a snowshoe trail that was relatively flat and somewhat maintained for easier going. Chris agreed to meet with her to flag out an area and then possibly use his students to clear out.

We also discussed the issue of moving the snowmobile trail off of its present location and down to the railbed. This was also brought up at the September meeting. Monique's desire is to have an area of the CCF dedicated to snowshoeing and where you can not hear snowmobiles. Chris pointed out that moving the snowmobile trail to the railbed increases the traffic behind people's homes (as opposed to going through the middle of the forest). He also spoke with the snowmobile club and they were not supportive of the idea of moving the trail.

Snowshoe tours were also discussed.

VI. Discussion - Update on Pole Barn

Chris reported that the poles are in the ground for the 48' by 16' pole barn. Hopeful construction is fall 2022.

VII. Discussion - Update on Educational Activities **Shed roof on back of sugarhouse, chainsaw safety levels 1-4, logs to winch our of woods, sawmill used to create wood for shed roof and other projects, ~ 25 chickens raised and sold as meat, 100 trout did not survive the summer in the pond (otter?).**

III. Other Business -- Next Meeting Scheduled for March , 2022

Adjournment - Motion GF Second YD Action 3-0 Time 7:40 PM