

## Fremont Open Space Advisory Minutes of Nov. 4, 2014

Approved February 17, 2015

- Meeting was convened at 7:05 PM. In attendance were J. Karcz, J. Downing, S. Harris, M. Thomas, and D. Howland.
- D. Howland brought a picture of the new sign for the Cooperage Trail Kiosk at the west end of the trail. This had been installed the previous week by S. Harris and D. Howland. The "two line" sign was placed into the East Kiosk off Beede Rd, but will eventually be mounted on the outside of the kiosk.
- D. Howland reported on the metal blazing project which has begun on the footpaths in the town forests. These blazes will replace the painted blazes and give us a number of years with no maintenance. Long aluminum nails are being used to allow the tree to "grow out" without popping off the blaze. The footpaths in Glen Oakes will use yellow blazes which is a reasonable match to the lime green paint and the yellow is more visible. Homestead trail is complete though it was agreed that a few more need to be installed to better mark the trail. A few "blue" metal blazes were installed on Forrest loop in a few places where the logging paths create confusion. The rationale behind using a different color was to distinguish between the "footpaths" of Homestead and Woodland versus the multi-use Forrest Loop. As time and weather permits, we will move on to Woodland in Glen Oakes. After that, we will use blue blazes in Oak Ridge.
- D. Howland updated the group on the South East Land Trust (SELT) Garrison property project. This would be an interesting addition to the Kelleher Memorial Forest and would conserve the remaining property that lies between Glen Oakes and Kelleher.
- Fall Foliage Hike - New Cooperage Trail was showcased and although attendance was modest, it still provided an opportunity to publicize the new trail.
- We discussed the need for more space inside the Glen Oakes Kiosk. The "partner" signs take up over 1/3 of the space. We could propose a standalone billboard for these signs, but that would take us back to when we had multiple signs on multiple posts and a more cluttered look. As long as we must continue to display the partner signs, it was thought that an extension to the existing kiosk might look better. D. Howland to investigate what would be required to add another section onto the current kiosk.
- In light of the pending update to the Glen Oakes Forest Management Plan, and the uncertainty of SELT plans and trails in Kelleher, it was felt it was pointless to have any serious discussion about trails in the Smith section of Glen Oakes.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING Feb. 3, 2015

*ps - Don't forget, firearm season for deer starts Nov 12th and runs thru Dec 7th. Go out there but wear your orange! (Muzzleloader is over Nov 11th)*

-Minutes as submitted by Chairman Dennis Howland.