

Ashley Community Forest Board - Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday 8-8-24, 6:00 p.m.

Morrill Memorial & Harris Library; 220 Justin Morrill Hwy; Strafford, Vermont

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments.
3. Approve Minutes from 6-13-24 meeting.
4. Review of Posting Requirements for Warned Meetings.
 - Agendas and minutes
 - Communication responsibilities
5. Development of a Protocol for Publicizing Educational Programs, Tours and Walks.
 - Who will publicize,
 - Where will notice be posted,
 - When should notice be posted.
6. Discussion of Protocols for Public Communication.
 - Avoid confusing or contradictory posts,
 - No commitments made for others without prior agreement.
 - ACF Board public communications should stay on message.
7. Update on the plan for parking area improvements.
 - Contract signed,
 - Delivery of materials soon,
 - Work completed by the end of August,
 - Kiosk location and assembly arrangements.
8. Update on forest management activity.
 - Trail and patch layout in stand 1.
 - Timber showing 7/29/24,
 - Evaluate bids,
 - Additional marking in stand 2.
 - Black locust marking in stand 3.
 - AMP technical assist 7/2/24.
 - Negotiated sale.
9. Update on Mowing
 - a. Mowed July 27th, by Shawn Ward (time/tractor donated by Annie Penfield).
 - b. Strafford meadow fully mowed,
 - c. Scotts pine removed,
 - d. Sharon meadow trails mowed.
 - e. Mowed/cleared main trail loop.

10. Update on Invasive Plant Work Days.

- a. 2023, five work days, 53 volunteers, average 10.6/work day.
- b. 2024, three work days, 16 volunteers, average 5.3/work day.
- c. Next date planned is 8/17/24.
- d. September work day date?

11. Discussion of our approach to our Sharon right-of-way and maintenance of good relations with our Clifford Farm Road neighbors.

12. Review Educational/Fun Programming for 2024 and 2025.

13. Work plan for 2024.

7:30 Adjourn

Next meeting. 9-12-24 at 6:00 p.m.
Sharon Town Office, Sharon, Vermont