

Mad River Valley Town Forest Field Day/Celebration
Saturday, October 14, 2006
12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Fayston Elementary School and adjacent Chase Brook parcel

Goals & Agenda
(revised draft 9/21/06)

Goals:

- Generate greater awareness and enthusiasm among residents of the Mad River Valley for their town forests as resources to use and enjoy
- Generate a heightened baseline of public interest for future town forest initiatives in the Mad River Valley
- Create initial awareness of potential to expand town forest activities in each Valley town
- Help reinforce a sense of common community connection among Mad River Valley towns and to the Mad River Valley's forests as a defining community asset

Agenda:

(inside or outside through 1:45?)

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| 12:30-1:00 | Participants arrive at Fayston School, have cider and fun local foods, mingle, and view town forest maps and information from each town along with displays from other local and statewide organizations |
| 1:00-1:10 | Welcome from community leader (Jared as Fayston host) |
| 1:10-1:20 | Guest speaker on Vermont, localism, and town forests: Statewide perspective on how town forests contribute to a sustainable community future (David Brynne? Jad?) |
| 1:20-1:40 | Community panel: One representative from each Valley town briefly tells the group about that community's town forests (5 minutes each—just the headlines!) |
| 1:40-1:45 | Overview of workshop choices (Phil) |
| 1:45-2:00 | Participants pick a workshop and go meet leader(s) at clearly marked locations |
| 2:00-3:00 | Workshops Round #1 |
| 3:00-3:15 | Break/transition |
| 3:15-4:15 | Workshops Round #2 |
| 4:15-4:30 | Wrap-up: Thanks and overview of upcoming opportunities to get involved in each town (Jared, Phil?) |

Workshops (tentative)

- ♣ *Finding Yourself in the 21st Century* – Getting started with GPS (Global Positioning Systems)
Stephen Engle (Quebec-Labrador Foundation) and Rourke Sharlow (Warren)
- ♣ *Seeing the Forest **and** the Trees* – Looking at the forest through a forester’s eyes
Tom Sweet (Hunger Mountain Forestry) and Leo Laferriere (Waitsfield)
- ♣ *Whose Home Is This?* – Getting to know the trees, critters, and other things that live in our woods
Bridget Butler (Vermont Audubon) and/or Sean Lawson (Mad River Glen)
- ♣ *If You Build It, They Will Come* – Designing, building and maintaining a new trail
Catamount Trail Association (Geoff and Lauren Slater – Fayston) and/or Mad River Path Association (Fred Gilbert – Fayston; others?)