

**Forest Advisory Committee**  
**June 7, 2017**

**Members Present:** Janet Johnson, Ron Newbury, Peter Park, Neal Boyle, Rob Hatch, Chuck Depew, Dave Charrette, Kevin Connerton (A), Janet Meyers (A)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dianne Park, Justin Brooks, Barry Keith

**Quorum:** A quorum was met with 7 members present

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Rob, to approve the minutes from May 3, 2017, as written. All were in favor.

**Report of Chair Discussion with Barry Keith, Town Forester**

Barry passed out the Spring Inspection Report for the Town Forest. The board read the report commenting after each section.

**Hurd Rd.**

Twin culverts need to be cleaned-Ron volunteered

Reflective tape on all gates-Janet will get the tape and Dave will install

**Food Access Rd.**

Follow-up should be considered with Dr. Foord-Dave will take care of this

**Jackman Rd.**

No Comments

**Mary's Mountain/Shawtown Access**

Blazes need to be repainted-Ron will take care of this

A trail sign needs to be installed on the Jackman Ridge sign of Mary's Mountain-Janet will purchase a "Trail" sign

A follow-up as to who is responsible for the maintenance of Shawtown Rd. to prevent erosion

**Pequawket Trail/Airstrip Area**

The "Freedom Town Forest" sign has been stolen. The police were notified.

**Stewardship Plan**

The Stewardship Plan will be ready for the July meeting and sent out electronically to all members.

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Ron, to accept the Town Forester's Spring Inspection Report. All were in favor.

*Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.*

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Ron, to have the Town Forester come to the June and November meeting with an inspection report. A discussion followed and the board felt one inspection report, from Barry, in June would be sufficient. Noting that in December the state inspection is conducted.

### **Calendar Timeline for Year Ahead**

June-Town Forester Report

July-Stewardship Plan, Wildlife Opening Campaign

August-Old Home Week Walk in the Town Forest (Janet will check on this)

October-Mow, fertilize and lime (Scrub Oak Scramblers takes care of this with fertilization and liming taking place throughout the year)

November-Budget

December-State Inspection

### **Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoice**

Company-BH Keith

Date-6/15/17

Invoice#-01-3369

Amount-\$375.00

Re: February 25, 2017 through June 5, 2017 Forest Administration, Site Inspections and Report, BH Keith 7.5 Hrs. at \$50/hr.

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Ron, to approve invoice number 01-3369 from BH Keith for \$375.00. All were in favor.

Janet made sure everyone had "Rules of Procedure" for the joint meeting with the FCC on June 20, 2017.

Trout Pond has been stocked with trout for this year.

Dave has the newly purchased camera and will install it this coming week.

The Laura Foundation Horse Trot is scheduled for October 15, 2017 with a rain date of October 22, 2017. An insurance binder needs to be presented with the application.

Rob will give his key to the gates in the town forest to Janet.

Janet Johnson passed around draft posters for the Town Forest Maintenance Campaign. A motion was made by Janet Johnson, seconded by Peter, to begin asking for donations. Board members made a list of camps and possible donors. Janet will email posters to all board members for their use in soliciting funds for the campaign.

Ron and Janet Johnson went to a meeting at Reynolds Hall and received maps showing prime animal habitat for the surrounding towns. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Peter, to laminate and hang the maps. Janet will look into the cost and come back to the board with a figure.

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**Such Business as Properly Presented to the Board**

Justin Brooks gave the board a permit to bait wildlife in the town forest. The permit is from September 1-21, 2017. FAC needs to approve then send to FCC then Board of Selectmen for approval. A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Peter, to approve the permit for baiting from Justin Brooks. All were in favor.

Rob presented the board with a permit for trapping Beaver and other wildlife in the town forest. The permit runs from October 31, 2017 through April 10, 2018. Janet wanted signs placed on all gates informing dog walkers that traps would be present. Rob said he did not have a problem with signs but he was not putting them up. It was noted that the Town Forest Easement from the State allows for trapping and hunting. A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Peter, to approve the permit from Rob Hatch for trapping in the town forest. Ron abstained from voting and Janet voted against. Neal, Chuck, Dave and Peter voted for. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Ron, to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.