

Forest Advisory Committee

November 1, 2017

Members Present: Ron Newbury, Peter Park, Neal Boyle (S), Dave Charrette, Kevin Connerton (A), Janet Meyers (A).

Members Absent: Rob Hatch, Chuck Depew,

Others Present: Ernie Day, Paul Eli, Carol Demore

Quorum: A quorum was met.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Ron Newbury presiding. The minutes from the October 4th meeting were reviewed as the first item of business for the meeting.

Minutes

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Neal. All were in favor.

Misc.

Ron reviewed the proposed 2018 budget.

Timber Sale Habitat improvement approx. 50- 70 acres area positioned south of the planed 2016 harvest area.

Continued mowing, fertilizing and lime treatments.

Tim Nolin, Madison Town Forester

Tim Nolin Town Forester for the Town of Madison came before the Committee to ask them for permission for use of the access road system of landing out across the Freedom Town Forrest to conduct a Harvest for piece of property that is land locked in Madison. After a brief discussion the Committee expressed some concerns they may have. One being the road being able to handle the weight of the logging trucks causing further damage to the road, a bond would need to be in place. Dave expressed his concern about all the seeding and lime treatments that has been done for the wildlife landings. Tim said that they would be willing to lime and reseed the landings. Tim explained he didn't need an answer tonight the harvest won't take place till next summer. It was decided the Committee will talk to the Freedom's Town Forrester to get his input.

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

Ron reviewed the Proposed Activity Schedule for 2018. Nothing really changed from last year.

Easement Monitoring Inspection Report was also reviewed.

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

Public Comment

Paul Eli informed the Committee that the FCC is looking for feedback from the FAC on the Rules and Procedures and on the November 27th the proposed budget for 2018 needs to be given to the Board of Selectmen. Ron will follow up with the Chairman. The Stewardship and Wildlife Plan are on disc. Dave took the Stewardship Plan and Ron took the Wildlife Plan to review. They will leave them at the Town Hall for the other committee members to review.

Neal suggested taking a close look at the budget to see where it can be cut.

Most of the mowing and fertilizing has been done. David hopes to get the rest of it done this weekend depending on the trees that may be down from the storm this past week.

Neal asked if there is a list of people who would like to be on the Committee. Ron said no one has approached him. Janet said she would be happy to go back on as a permanent. A brief discussion ensued around how many are on the committee and the process with the BOS.

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by David to make Janet a full-time member of the Board and to pass the recommendation on to the Board of Selectmen. All were in favor.

The Committee is looking for an alternate to replace Janet Meyers.

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Janet to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Bolduc, Recording Secretary