

**Forest Advisory Committee
September 4, 2013**

Members Present: Ernie Day Jr., Ron Newbury, Rob Hatch, Janet Johnson, Janet Meyers

Members Absent: Chuck Depew, Dave Charrette

Others Present: Arlene Knight, Bill Elliott, Neal Boyle

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Minutes

There was a motion by Janet Meyers, seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from August 7, 2013 with changes. All were in favor.

Page 2, Invoice for BH Keith, change -\$40.00 to -\$60.00

Rob informed the Board that the Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) approved the extension of the 2013 Town Forest Cut as well as thinning out of the 20 acre control burn plot.

Ron reported no additional beaver activity at the beaver pipe and water is going over and through the pipe. Rob will go out this weekend and clean out the pipe. Ron also reported that he did some clearing of brush on the Maryø Mountain Trail as well as clearing on top of the mountain.

Wildlife Habitat Plan

BH Keith is working on updating this document. Rob will be in touch to see where this stands.

Mishawum Farm contacted Rob about trail riding in the town forest. Rob gave them permission as long as they were only trail riding and informed them of the possibility of closing the town forest to horse traffic during mud season. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Janet Meyers, to change the signage stating only pedestrian traffic during mud season to pedestrian traffic only and no horse traffic during mud season. Signs will be put out during mud season then taken down when the gates reopen.

Rob has sent a letter to Danforth Bay Campground (which he read to the board) asking them to keep their golf carts on the path so as not to ruin a log landing of clover.

Invoice

BH Keith

Date ó 09/03/13

Inv. # - 01-3046

Activity ó August 1-31, 2013

Re: Timber Sale Layout, start-up, inspections and forest administration

BH Keith, Principal, 10.5 hrs. @ \$50/hr. \$525.00

R. Gerard, Chief Forester, 12.0 hrs. @ \$40/hr. \$480.00

Total \$1005.00

There was a motion by Janet Meyers, seconded by Janet Johnson, to approve invoice #01-3046 for \$1005.00. All were in favor.

The FCC sent a request to the FAC to have a representative from their board attend all FCC meetings. The suggestion was made to rotate this position monthly so one person is not attending two meetings. There was also a suggestion to have an FCC member attend FAC Meetings and go back to FCC with information. Ron will attend the September meeting and Janet Johnson will attend the October meeting. Ron will bring up these suggestions at this month's FCC meeting.

Rob is still looking for town forest wildlife picture to put together a slide show for the 10 year town forest review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.