

**Forest Advisory Committee**  
**June 4, 2014**

**Members Present:** Chuck Depew, Dave Charrette, Neal Boyle, Ron Newbury, Rob Hatch, Janet Meyers, Janet Johnson (7:40pm)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Arlene Knight, Bill Elliott, Mike Gaudette

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

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

**Minutes**

There was a motion by Janet M., seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from May 7, 2014 with changes. All were in favor.

Page 1, change the meeting month from March to May.

**Goals & Objectives**

The board decided that a town forest clean-up day was not necessary this year.

**Wildlife Habitat Plan**

Updates to the Wildlife Habitat Plan were discussed:

- Add known species list from Stewardship Plan with updates to list
- List specific canopy closure (60%-70%)
- List 2 tree stands that should stay as is
- Strongly suggest avoiding cuts in May and June because of nesting season for animals  
    There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Janet M., to insert language strongly suggesting to avoid cuts in May and June because of nesting season for animals. All were in favor.
- The current Wildlife Habitat Plan states no pitch pine restoration is planned on airstrip. Add the reason being the airstrip is left as a fire break.
- Add all wildlife openings with soil testing results, with map showing where each is located.
- Remove paragraph, in background information, where a quote references the establishment of a Wildlife Management Subcommittee.
- Include the word "hunting" in beginning

**Stewardship Plan – 10 year review**

A motion was made by Janet M., seconded by Janet J., allowing temporary signs for a maximum of 2 weeks for non-profit organizations. In favor: Meyers, Johnson, Hatch, Newbury, Charrette & Boyle. Against: Depew.

There was a discussion on suggested changes.

- In reference to establishment of FAC appointments being made by FCC; this should read that appointments are made by Board of Selectmen.

**ATV Abuse off Shawtown Rd.**

Rob gave background information and asked for suggestions from all board members. Janet J. will go and talk with management of Danforth Bay Camping Resort and Rob will ask Freedom Police Chief to patrol the area more often.

**Trail Grant**

This work needs to be completed by June 15, 2015. This will be put on the work agenda for next year. There was a discussion on soft match or hard match. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Janet J., to send this contract forward to FCC for approval.

**Miscellaneous**

The Jackman Rd. contract has been sent to NHDES by BoS.

Rob asked Scrub Oak Scramblers (Dave Charrette) for the GPS Map of the new trail. They were given August, 2014 as a deadline for submittal.

There was a motion by Janet M., seconded by Dave, to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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