

Forest Advisory Committee

July 2, 2014

Members Present: Janet Meyers, Ron Newbury, Rob Hatch, Neal Boyle, Janet Johnson, Dave Charrette, Chuck Depew

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Miranda Sandahl, Paul Elie

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 Meyers, seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from June 4, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Janet Johnson, seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from June 12, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

Goals & Objectives

Rob will check with Barry on the preferred design of the beaver pipe and the implementation schedule.

DRED Meeting

Ambrose Bros. are still willing to do the work on Jackman Ridge Rd. for their original bid amount of \$9,420.00 but since the contract went out to bid 3 culverts need replacing. Ambrose Bros. are willing to do the additional 3 culverts and the original Jackman Ridge Rd., for \$10,000. (amount of original advertised bid). There was a motion by Ron, seconded by Chuck, to accept Ambrose Bros. to put in the additional 3 culverts for \$580.00. All were in favor and Neal abstained from voting.

Wildlife Habitat Plan

The Wildlife Habitat Plan is making its way around the FCC Board. The board went over the original letter (from Attorney Peter Malia) stating who has what authority in the town forest. This letter was between the local government center and town attorneys and clearly describes the governing authorities in the town forest. The board felt parts of this letter should be put into the Stewardship Plan. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Dave, to have part of the Peter Malia letter input into the Stewardship Plan. All were in favor. Rob will submit this to the FCC for approval.

Trail Grant

The brontosaurus work has been signed off by the Board of Selectmen (BoS).

Forester Update

The cut is complete and all necessary repairs have been made.

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

Other Business

The Trust for Public Land sent 2 signs, stating they are helping to preserve the town forest. They are asking that these signs be installed at the kiosks. A motion was made by Janet Meyers, seconded by Ron, to install 2 signs from The Trust for Public Land at 2 kiosks in the town forest. All were in favor. Ron will install signs. A follow-up letter to the Trust for Public Land will be sent.

Janet Johnson read a letter she wrote on behalf of the FAC to Danforth Bay Camping Resort about golf carts use in the town forest and their potential damage. She also read a response Danforth sent to all their campers. The response was a positive reaction from Danforth Bay stating they agree with the FAC and golf card usage.

A letter was received from the Friends of Trout Pond wishing to be recognized as helping to preserve the town forest. Chuck will ask them what type of sign they want installed.

Invoice

From: BH Keith

Date: 06/30/14

Invoice #: 01-3120

Activity Period: June 1-30, 2014

Amount: \$1,092.50

Re: Forest Administration and Timber Sale Management

BKeith, principal, 16.25 hrs. @ \$50/hr.	\$ 812.50
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R Gerard, forester, 7.0 hrs. @ \$40/hr.	\$ 280.00
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Total:	\$1,092.50
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There was a motion by Janet Meyers, seconded by Janet Johnson, approving invoice #01-3120 for \$1,092.50 from BH Keith. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Ron, seconded by Dave, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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