

**Forest Advisory Committee**  
**October 1, 2014**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Bill Elliott, Susan Marks

**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 Ron, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes from September 3, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

**Wildlife Habitat Plan**

The Plan is still being circulated through the Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC). This will be on the agenda for November.

**Stewardship Plan**

The FCC is putting this on their agenda for this month to add parts of the Peter Malia letter to the by-laws.

**Trail Grant**

The selectmen have not seen any contract for bronto work as yet. Rob explained the contractor is busy and do not know if they can get to the town forest work this year or spring 2015.

**Road Repair – Jackman Ridge Rd.**

Rob made inquiries to Ambrose but has not received any response. The road work has not been started.

**2014 Activity Summary Report – Freedom Town Forest**

The 2014 Activity Summary Report from Barry Keith was passed out. This summarizes tasks accomplished to date (09/30/14). Topics included:

- Timber Sale
- Maintenance of established permanent wildlife openings/log landings
- Access control/Operations and maintenance of access roads
- Beaver pond level control pipe
- Wildlife Habitat Plan
- Grants

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Janet Johnson, to approve the Activities Report with notation correction on page 1. All were in favor. This report will be sent to the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (NHDRED).

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### **2015 Proposed Activity Schedule for the Freedom Town Forest**

This report is from Barry Keith and pending available funding. Topics described:

- Timber sale improvement
- Prescribed burning
- Maintenance of established permanent wildlife openings/log landings
- Access control/Operations and maintenance of access roads
- Beaver pond level control pipe
- Habitat improvement map
- Forest Stewardship Plan update/Re-write
- Hiking trail maintenance
- Grant and other funding sources
- Forest Administration/Maintenance tasks

Added to this will be:

- Painting of the kiosks

### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

The Scrub Oak Scramblers (SOS) submitted their application for use of the town forest for their winter carnival. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Janet Meyers, to approve the application of SOS for use of the town forest for their winter carnival. All were in favor.

### **Public Comment**

Bill Elliott asked when the road work on Jackman Ridge Rd. was starting. Further said the road was very rough. Urged the board to have the work done fall, 2014.

### **November FAC Meeting**

The board was asked to start thinking of dollar figures for any 2015 projects. Rob will have Barry do the same.

A motion was made by Janet Johnson, seconded by Janet Meyers, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

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