

Forest Advisory Committee
November 17, 2014

Members Present: Ron Newbury, Rob Hatch, Janet Johnson, Dave Charrette, Janet Meyers

Members Absent: Neal Boyle, Chuck Depew

Others Present: Dianne Park, Barry Keith

Quorum: A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Barry Keith and the committee went over all line items of the 2015 Proposed Budget

Forester Administration/Management - \$6,000

The item was approved at the last FAC Meeting.

Prescribed Burn - \$10,000

Barry passed out Prescribed Burn Protocols as well as a note from Susan Francher, NHDRED, stating Protocols outlined in Barry's letter are correct and must be followed. Andrew Fast, from UNH Extension Services helped Barry with needed protocols. He is willing to come to a future FAC Meeting to discuss the Prescribed Burn Protocols. The committee discussed the possibility of putting the burn off for a year and getting grant money to offset the cost.

There was a motion by Janet Johnson, seconded by Janet Meyers, to postpone the prescribed burn until 2016 and encourage Barry Keith to look for grant money to offset the cost. All were in favor.

Forest Stewardship Plan Rewrite/Update - \$12,000

Barry passed out breakdown of hours and steps needed to update the Stewardship Plan. Also, present was a letter from Susan Francher, NHDRED, stating the steps outlined in Barry's note were correct and needed.

There was a motion by Janet Johnson, seconded by Ron, to approve the amount of \$12,000 for update/rewrite to the Stewardship Plan. All were in favor.

Other Costs

Maintain Existing Wildlife Openings - \$2,500 (same as 2015)

Install new beaver control pipe - \$500

Kiosk/Trail Maintenance ó \$1,000

There was a motion by Janet Johnson, seconded by Rob, to maintain the existing wildlife openings for \$2,500. All were in favor.

The board decided to change Barry's original figure of \$500 for kiosk/trail maintenance to \$1,000.

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

Total Costs

Forester Administration/Management	\$ 6,000
Forest Stewardship Plan Rewrite/Update	\$12,000
Maintain existing wildlife openings	\$ 2,500
Install new beaver control pipe	\$ 500
Kiosk/Trail maintenance	\$ 1,000
Total	\$22,000

There was a motion by Janet Meyers, seconded by Dave, to approve the 2015 Proposed Freedom Town Forest Budget of \$22,000. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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