

Forest Advisory Committee
February 4, 2015

Members Present: Ron Newbury, Rob Hatch, Neal Boyle, Janet Meyers

Members Absent: Chuck Depew, Janet Johnson, Dave Charrette

Others Present: Dianne Park, Susan Marks, Bill Elliott

Quorum: A quorum was met with 4 members present

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes

There was a motion by Ron, seconded by Janet, to approve the minutes from January 7, 2015 and January 21, 2015 as written. All were in favor.

Wood Duck Boxes

February 28, 2015 has been scheduled to assemble and install wood duck boxes. Rob will check with Mark to make sure the Town Hall is available from 8am-11am for assembly. Rob and Ron will cut out a dozen wood duck box kits. Anyone interested can stop by to help. Tools required are cordless drill or screw driver with a phillips head bit. Neal will send out a notice through the internet and the Freedom Town Column to advertise the event.

Wildlife Habitat Plan

The Wildlife Habitat Plan has not been returned to the FAC as yet.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Workshop

Rich Gerard is the Commissioner for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. He wants to hold a workshop, in the town forest, for NH Conservation Members, this year on how to make a good conservation area. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Ron, to approve the NH Association of Conservation Commissions having a workshop in the town forest in 2015. All were in favor.

Scrub Oak Scramblers (SOS) will hold their annual Winter Carnival in the town forest February 21 & 22, 2015.

Forester Update

A bid was received from BH Keith for town forester for 2015. Rob will solicit more bid requests.

Public Comment

Susan Marks informed the FAC the Old Home Week Committee was thinking of having the town forest as the theme for this year, celebrating the 10 year anniversary. She asked if the FAC and FCC jointly would like to run the horse drawn wagon tour of the forest at a cost of \$350.00. Rob will bring this to the next FCC Meeting.

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

Bill Elliott gave background information of the possibility of having Smokey the Bear as part of the Old Home Week Parade this year.

Neal brought forth the idea of 10 years of growth in the town forest.

Such business as properly presented to the board

Janet Meyers is coming off the Planning Board and since she is the Planning Board Representative to the Conservation Commission a new rep is required. Rob will check into having Janet be an alternate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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