

Forest Advisory Committee
October 7, 2015

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dianne Park, Bill Elliott, Mike Gaudette, RA Oram, Kevin Connerton, Sandy Brown, Evelyn Hoyt

Quorum: A quorum was met with 7 members present
Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from September 2, 2015 as written. All were in favor.

After reading over the minutes from last month's meeting the suggestion was made to have the loggers fix the airstrip since the ruts were made by them. Rob will notify BH Keith.

Annual DRED Monitoring Dates

Potential dates for the annual Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) town forest inspection were given. The board decided on October 27 or 28th and Ron, Janet and Mike Gaudette, chairman Freedom Conservation Commission, plan on attending.

Update on Ten Year Power Point Presentation

Jack Wolter will be starting the work to finish the power point presentation. Janet will coordinate Jack getting together with Chuck for the narrative.

Invoices

Company: BH Keith

Date: 09/30/15

Invoice#: 01-3226

Amount: \$587.50

Re: September 1-30, 2015 for timber close out and administration.

Company: BH Keith

Date: 09/04/15

Invoice#: 01-3217

Amount: \$1,315.00

Re: August 1-31, 2015 for timber sale layout supervision and administration.

There was a motion from Janet, seconded by Neal, to pay invoice# 01-3226 for \$587.50 and not pay invoice #01-3217 for \$1,315.00 until the air strip is fixed and if the air strip is fixed then the invoice will be paid. All were in favor.

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

Ambrose Bros. have finished the work on Jackman Ridge Rd. and have overrun their original estimate of \$10,000.00 by \$881.00. They told Rob not to worry about the overrun because their original estimate was \$10,000.00. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Dave, to pay Ambrose Bros. \$10,000.00 for the work on Jackman Ridge Rd. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Sandy Brown, sponsor of the horseback riding event for the Laura Foundation in the town forest, was present and asked the board to fast track her permit application. The ride is supposed to take place on Sunday, October 18, 2015. They have not filled out the proper application and have not gone through the permit process. The permit process is as follows:

- An application sent to FAC for approval
- Once FAC approves then it goes to FCC
- Once FCC approves then it goes to the BOS
- Once approved by the BOS the application will be sent to DRED for their approval.

She explained to the board that she went before the Board of Selectmen to ask their permission (Monday, 10/5/15) and was told the FAC would have to give permission. She called DRED and was told that the selectmen are the ones to give approval and they will grant their approval if the BOS approves. The town had problems with last year's ride:

- Town forest gates were left open
- Signs were left up for a long period of time after the ride was completed
- Trash was left behind
- The key to the gates was not promptly returned

Sandy explained that last year she hurt her shoulder and could not take down signs promptly and she did not know anything about the permit process. Further stating they did not leave gates open or trash behind and that nobody explained any problems to her. Mike Gaudette, explained that he spoke to Ms. Brown and Amy Mahoney, in the fall of 2014 after their event last year, and explained the problems as well as the permit process. Mike said he is not opposed to the ride but would like conditions set before approval is granted. Dave Charrette said he was in the town forest when Sandy Brown was told about the gates. The board asked that the ride be moved forward so the application could move through the normal process and was told that October 18th is the last date because then hunting season has started. Rob informed her that hunting season starts October 15, 2015.

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Dave, to approve the horseback ride for the Laura Foundation in the Town Forest on October 18, 2015 with a rain date of October 25, 2015 with the condition the signs be removed within 2 weeks and any excessive rain the ride will have to be moved to the rain date. All were in favor.

Scrub Oak Scramblers (SOS) submitted an application for their winter carnival on February 20, 2016. A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Janet, to approve the permit for SOS to have their winter carnival on February 20, 2016. All were in favor.

Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (e)

Non-Public started at 8:06pm.

Non-Public ended at 8:35pm.

Such business as properly presented to the board.

Three checks have been received from the current timber harvest.

- \$2,161.83

- \$4,700.92

- \$3,109.28

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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