

The Forest Advisory Committee will meet
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
at the Freedom Town Hall
7:00 pm.

PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by John Roman. Present are: John Roman, Ron Newbury, Janet Meyers, Janet Johnson, Melissa M. Florio - Selectmen's Representative. David Charette and Kevin Connerton are no longer members, and are absent.

- Approve Minutes August 11, 2021 –Melissa made a motion to approve, Janet M. seconded.
APPROVED
- Timber Harvest Report – distributed to the Board prior to meeting.
- Ron Newbury will stay on the Committee as an alternate. Justin (Cubby) Brooks is interested in joining. Sean Coriaty is present, and interested in joining the Committee. John can no longer commit to being an officer, but would like to stay on the Board.
- Multiple documents were distributed for Board review.
- Spring Clean up – a pile of tires was left in the forest. Trash was dumped by the beaver pond. May 7 is the Valley Pride Day, and Melissa will try to send some people over there. Ron and John will take care of removing the tires. Locks for the gates were discussed. Mr. George from the snowmobile club requested that a gate be installed at Mountview. Ron will paint the kiosk. Janet will get trash, and John will get the trash he saw last fall. Telephone poles can be painted if someone wants to do it. The sign for Trout Pond/Marys Mountain was stolen. It was replaced with the older Marys Mountain sign. Mr. George will look for the missing gate pin this weekend. If he cannot find it, he will fabricate one within a couple of weeks. Jackman Ridge Road is in tough shape. We have funds to do road repairs.
- The inspection report was distributed. Everything looked good. Barry suggested that a section of boundary lines be painted. It needs to be reblazed.
- The Fire Plan – postponed from last year. They still want to do it, Barry is working on it. There are some grants that are becoming available. Barry recommends that we move forward with this. We authorize pursuit of the grants, and the effort will be compensated for regardless of outcome.

Ron made a motion that we would like to move forward to the conservation commission and that we would like to apply for these grants. Seconded by Janet J. APPROVED

The culvert needs attention. Check with Scott Brooks to see if there are some supplies around town. The beavers need to be relocated. Mr. George offered to help with replacement when the water is lower. We will research thinning the beaver population.

New signage will be provided by the trails bureau. The bureau chief may want to tour the property in the near future.

Barry will help with the reblazing if we provide the paint and volunteers.

Seeding of the wildlife trail will be coordinated with FAC/FCC and volunteers. Consider if Scrub Oaks buys everything then charges us for it. Forward to the FCC. Janet J. made a motion that we approve the SOS Club to fertilize and seed at Gate 2. Melissa seconded. APPROVED

Barry mentioned having another timber harvest this year. No details are available at this time.

- Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices – no invoices
- Public comment – Mr. George will meet with the Fire Department to coordinate all trail names.
- Such business as properly presented

Janet M. made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm, Janet J. seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary