

Forest Advisory Committee
April 3, 2013

Members Present: Rob Hatch, Ernie Day Jr., Ron Newbury, Janet Johnson, Janet Meyers, Dave Charrette

Others Present: Susan Marks, Barry Keith
Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

There was a motion by Janet M., seconded by Janet J., to approve the minutes from February 6, 2013 as written. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Janet M., seconded by Janet J., to approve the minutes from March 6, 2013 with changes. All were in favor.

Page 1; insert statement ~~There was no quorum present for this meeting and topics were discussion only. No action was taken.~~ at the top of the page.

Page 1, remove any reference to minutes being approved and add statement ~~The approval of minutes from February 6, 2013 was put off until next month because no quorum was present.~~

Page 2; change ~~Pine Pitch~~ to ~~Pitch Pine~~

Page 2, remove paragraph entitled ~~Board Vacancies~~

Janet J. informed the board that she printed 1,000 town forest brochures for the sale price of \$172.98. She passed out brochures to everyone.

Election of Officers

There was a motion by Janet J., seconded by Dave, to nominate Rob Hatch, chairman of the FAC. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Janet J., seconded by Janet M., to nominate Ron Newbury, vice-chairman of the FAC. All were in favor.

Rob announced that on April 16, 2013 there is a joint meeting between the FCC & FAC. Meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Town Forest Update

Dave announced that all gates in the town forest are closed and he will install signs stating ~~No Snowmobilers~~ at the base of Mary's Mountain for the next winter season. Rob gave a brief explanation of the town forest to Ernie.

Wildlife Habitat Plan

This will be put on the agenda for next month and Rob is getting copies of The Town Forestation Compartment Report for all board members.

Annual Maintenance Projects

The spring clean-up workday in the town forest is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2013. Everyone will meet at the Pequawket Gate at 8:00am. Work schedule will include: pick up trash, look at culverts needing replacing, possible lime & fertilize newest log landing.

A bird count has been scheduled for April 27, 2013. Turkeys & partridge will be counted. All will meet at the Pequawket Gate at 5:30am.

Barry said Garland will clean the side of Jackman Ridge Rd. and re-establish a deeper ditch by the pond to prevent vehicles from accessing trails. Dave said the SOS is looking into getting scrap steel to replace gates on Lake Rd. Both gates are getting too hard to open.

Barry gave the board information on a Grant available from NHDES for wetland money and suggested the board apply this to fixing the habitat along Cold Brook. The prequalification application must be in by the end of April with the formal application due in September, 2013. Barry further suggested doing the project in phases. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Janet M., to have Barry pursue the preliminary prequalification application for grant money from NHDES. All were in favor. Barry suggested the possibility of getting \$2,000 from Fish and Game as incentive for the grant application and asked if FAC would be willing to match the Fish and Game amount. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Ron, to match the Fish and Game money up to \$2,000. All were in favor.

Rob asked the board to think of way to get the public more involved in the town forest. Rob suggesting partnering with the Freedom Elementary School building and installing bird nesting boxes in the forest. The 10 year anniversary of the town forest is a few years away the board discussed putting together a 15 minute slide show presentation showing before and after pictures of the forest documenting the forest growth. The board also discussed getting started on a plan for a future burn in the town forest.

Invoices

BH Keith

Date: 04/02/13

Inv. #: 01-3007

Activity Period: February 1, 2013 ó March 31, 2013

Re: Timber sale administration

R. Gerard, Forester, 3.0 hours @ \$40/hr.	\$120.00
BH Keith, Principal Forester, 1.5 hrs. @ \$50/hr.	\$ 75.00
NHDES wetland notification filing fee	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$220.00

Vista Print-Janet Johnson
1,000 town forest brochures
Total: \$172.98

There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Ernie, to pay BH Keith invoice #01-3007 and the pay Janet Johnson's Vista Print bill of \$172.98. All were in favor.

The board received a thank-you for the SOS for use of the town forest for their winter carnival.

There was a motion by Ron, seconded by Dave, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.