

## **Forest Advisory Committee**

### **April 2, 2014**

**Members Present:** Rob Hatch, Neal Boyle, Ron Newbury, Janet Johnson, Chuck Depew, Janet Meyers

**Members Absent:** Dave Charrette

**Others Present:** Bill Elliott, Kevin Connerton

**Quorum:** A quorum was met with 6 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

#### **Minutes**

Rob asked that the statement "Discussion & vote to recommend Dave Charrette for re-appointment." be added to the February 5, 2014 minutes under the heading "Board Appointments"

There was a motion by Janet Johnson, seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from March 5, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

#### **Election of Officers**

There was a motion by Janet Johnson, seconded by Ron, to nominate Rob chairman of Forest Advisory Committee. All were in favor. Rob accepted the nomination.

There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Janet Johnson, to nominate Ron vice-chairman of the Forest Advisory Committee. All were in favor. Ron accepted the nomination.

#### **Review Goals & Objectives**

A draft copy of the Goals and Objective for the Freedom Town Forest, Forest Advisory Committee were passed out and discussed. Page 3, top of the page, the word "Oversee" was changed to "Process" Page 6, added was "#15-Discussions to define camping." There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Janet Meyers, to adopt the Goals & Objectives as listed with changes. All were in favor.

#### **Wildlife Habitat**

There is nothing new on this topic. A note is being sent to BH Keith asking that the Wildlife Habitat Plan to be ready for the June Meeting.

#### **Spring Bird Study**

It was brought to the board's attention that April 26, 2014 is opening day for youth turkey hunting. The board discussed moving the Bird Study and decided to leave as originally scheduled on April 26, 2014, all volunteers will meet at 6:30am at the Pequawket Gate. As of today 15 volunteers are signed up. Janet Johnson will work with Rob & Ron on marking stations. The study should last 1 hour.

**Forester Update**

Invoice for approval.

BH Keith

03/28/14

01-3101

Activity Period ó January 1, 2014 ó March 28, 2014

Re: Pine Barrens Timber Sale Close-out, Administration & NHDRED Trail Grant Application

BH Keith, Principal Forester/Biologist 26.0 hrs. @ \$50/hr. \$1,300.00

R. Gerard/Forester 11.5 hrs. @ \$40/hr. \$ 460.00

Color Map Copies \$ 45.00

TOTAL \$1,805.00

There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Janet Meyers, to accept invoice # 01-3101 from BH Keith for \$1,805.00. All were in favor.

**Correspondence**

Training session put on by UNH.

**Control Burn Sign**

Janet Johnson passed out a copy of what the sign will say for approval.

**No Motors Sign**

Janet Johnson asked if the picture could be changed to a gas pump with a line through it. All were in favor. She will get 2 signs 11 ¼ x 11 ¼ .

**2014 Town Forest Brochure**

A statement about mud season will be added to this year's brochure. Janet will get copies.

**Public Comment**

Bill Elliott was present representing the Old Home Week Committee asking if the FAC & FCC would sponsor a hike up Mary's Mountain as well as a guided horse drawn tour of the forest on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 9:30am for Old Home Week. Ron volunteered to lead the hike and the board gave the go ahead for Bill to schedule this event.

There was a motion by Janet Meyers, seconded by Janet Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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