

Forest Advisory Committee
September 3, 2014

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

Members Absent: Chuck Depew

Others Present: Arlene Knight

Quorum: A quorum was reached with 6 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Janet Johnson, to approve the minutes from August 6, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

Review Goals and Objectives

Nothing new.

Trail Grant

Rob explained a problem with getting 3 bids for the brontosaurus work. Brown is the only company in New Hampshire licensed to use a brontosaurus. Barry received a special exemption from NHDES to only solicit one bid. Brown submitted a bid for the brontosaurus work in the town forest. Both Ambrose Bros. and Brown will start sometime this fall. The Scrub Oak Scramblers (SOS) have started mowing and liming areas in forest.

Wildlife Habitat Plan

The plan is going through the Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC).

Stewardship Plan

The language on who does what needs to be changed. The FCC needs to revote on the by-law changes using certain protocols required. Rob will speak to Mike.

Forester Update

Nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Someone called into the town offices with a problem on the Maryø Mountain Trail. They had trouble finding the overlook. After committee discussion it was surmised that they took the wrong trail. Danforth Bay has a trail which starts from their property and the town has another trail which starts behind the Maryø Mountain Kiosk. Janet Johnson will call the person and explain both trails and urge them to use the trail behind the kiosk.

An information letter was received concerning possible 50/50 matching grant money available for development and acquisition of properties and facilities. A discussion ensued on the possibility of using this matching money for projects already existing for next year. Rob will show letter to Barry. A letter of intent must be received by September 26, 2014 with the final proposal due January, 2015.

A motion was made by Janet Meyers, seconded by Dave Charrette, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

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