



## Town Forest Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes January 2, 2013

**Opening:** Steve Russell called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 6:35 on January 2, 2013 in the Town Hall.

**Present:** Brent Francis, Chris Haviland, Pat Mainer, Stewart Pierson, Steve Russell, Paul Wieczoreck, Chuck Reiss (6:52)

**Absent:** Brooke Scatchard, Jason Reed

**Guests:** Mike Potvin, Keith Thompson

**Approval Of Minutes Of December 5, 2012:** Stuart moved to approve the minutes of December 5. Chris seconded. Discussion followed. The minutes were approved as amended.

**LHTF Salvage/Trail Clearing/ Habitat Improvement Work:** Keith reported that everyone was supportive of making sure that Bill was fairly paid. There was no consensus on what was the best method.

Steve said he has worked with Rocky and Missy on our budget and we have \$1900 in our reserve account. Steve said it's unclear whether or not \$570 will be subtracted from our budget to reimburse the payment of the Arrowwood bill.

Keith reported that he'd talked with Bill and that there is still some value in the wood there. Keith reported that Bill doesn't want to pay stumpage (20%) on the value of the wood. Keith thinks that the value in the wood would be adequate to compensate Bill if he was paid \$40/hour for 30 hours. Discussion of the project followed. Keith clarified that it would be great to pay half of the 30 hours upfront and the other half at the completion. Keith indicated that we can put a cap on the project at 30 hours. Keith said he can write up the terms.

Pat moved to pay Bill at a rate of \$40/hour for up to 30 hours of trail clearing work with payment to Bill for 15 hours now and up to 15 additional hours at the completion of the work. Chuck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith asked what the time frame for the check would be. Steve said he will ask Missy to write the check tomorrow and will call Keith.

**Town Forest Signs:** Chuck presented a RFP for kiosks. Steve told Chuck to have proposals sent to Joe Colangelo by March 1. Chuck volunteered to be the contact person.

Pat proposed a cheaper solution.

Those present also discussed fixing the signs the Town owns at Hayden Hill East and Economou Road. It was clarified that Fellowship owns the Fellowship signs at those same trailheads.

Those in attendance calculated the need for four signs for the two Town Forests but decided that the Hinesburg Town Forest signs could be adapted and used temporarily.

Stuart moved to approve the design and bid specification dated January 2, 2013 for the RFP's for two to four signs for the HTF and LHTF trailheads. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Pat, following up on her assignment said she will send by email possible documents to have on the kiosks.

Stewart and Pat discussed the cost of slow signs and possible vendors. Those present wanted to go with metal and agreed that the wording should be "Children and animals ahead," below "Slow." Stewart agreed to be in charge of the signs and the posts. Pat said she'd help him.

**HTF Boundary Work:** Both Steve and Chuck reported that they hadn't done any boundary work.

Committee members agreed to let it go until spring.

**Proposed Budget Items 7:40:** Steve reported that he had presented to the Select Board and made the bigger pitch for erosion control on the Eagle's Trail. He asked for \$5000 for the Eagle's Trail and \$2000 for signs.

**Other Business:** Brent reported on what he found on renaming of the trails. He did not find anything about it in the management plan. He referred to page 103 of the 2006 LIA document. He also thought we discussed it at Sept 17, 2011 meeting, though that discussion wasn't in the minutes. Brent said that he feels that the names create an image and are a reflection on the Town. He said we have a rich history and the names could bring that out. Brent suggested that we ask the folks who made the trails to look at the history and consider renaming the trails as part of the education. Chris said he will contact the Fellowship

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Pat moved to adjourn. Chris seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Mainer