



Town Forest Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes February 6, 2013

Opening: Steve Russell called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 6:37 on February 6, 2013 in the Town Hall.

Present: Chris Haviland, Pat Mainer, Mike Potvin, Steve Russell, Paul Wieczoreck, Stewart Pierson

Absent: Brent Francis, Jason Reed, Chuck Reiss

Guests: none

Election of Officers

Chair - Steve noted that he will run but if he is elected chair he would like a good vice chair who would be willing to do monthly reports. Mike nominated Steve.

Secretary - Pat said that she has no particular desire to continue being the secretary. Mike said he is willing to help Pat. Mike nominated Pat. Pat said she'd appreciate Mike's help and would like to share the job.

Vice Chair - Chris said he'd be willing to be vice chair. Stewart nominated Chris.

Treasurer - Steve said we need someone to keep track of money and that there is Town Forest money in three town accounts. Stuart said he willing to do it. Chris nominated Stewart

Stewart moved to approve the slate of officers. Paul seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes Of January 2

Paul moved to approve the minutes as amended. Chris seconded. The minutes were approved.

Update On LHTF Salvage Operations

Those present reviewed Keith's email message. Steve reported that Keith will also have the VYCC help clean up some of the blowdown on Matt Sayre's land. Those present agreed that meeting at 5:00 before our April 3, meeting would be ideal for a tour of the project with Keith. Stewart suggested and all agreed that the Trails committee be invited.

Town Forest Signs

Stewart reported that he and Pat are ready to order the slow signs. Steve handed out copy of an ad for prebuilt kiosks type signs that are a little over 4' wide and 3' high. Stewart said the Trails Committee is going with the more expensive option. Paul said he'd rather go with local labor. Stewart said that he'd prefer the locally constructed more aesthetically pleasing one. Those present agreed that we should wait to see what proposals Chuck received. Steve noted that we should have something in place at the trailheads in April.

Discussion Of Motor Vehicle And Horse Use In The Town Forest

Steve said that he is concerned about all the drainage work that was done on the Economou Road extension could be damaged by motor vehicles and horses. Steve would like to temporarily close that section to motor vehicles and horses until it has settled in and more vegetation has gotten established. Discussion followed. Pat moved to close the rebuilt section of the Economou Road, extension from the top of the hill down toward Hayden Hill West, to all use, until further notice. Stewart seconded. Paul said he would be willing to put signs with others help. Chris said he will make signs.

Other Business

Dan Chicoine, who lives on Economou Road, called Steve and asked if he could use the hardwood that is lying around for firewood left over from the July 4 windstorm. Steve talked with Keith who said he had asked Bill to leave a fair amount of slash for wildlife and to replenish the soil. Steve will get back to Dan to tell him we'd like that slash to remain there.

Steve distributed copies of information Pat drafted for the kiosks. Pat will collect feedback, revise and send another draft around.

Chris reported that he went to the last FOTW meeting to inquire about trail names. Some of the trails' names do relate to historic uses and geographic features. For examples: Wolf tree, Dragon's Tail, Maiden, Sheep Thrills. That being said FOTW was not opposed to changing names if someone had strong feelings about the names. FOTW would not be responsible for the cost of changing the signs and were concerned that changing long standing names could cause confusion that could be a safety concern.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 6:30

Adjournment

Chris moved to adjourn. Stewart seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Mainer