



## Town Forest Committee

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### Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2015 - Approved 2/11/15 -

**Present:** Brett Francis, Kevin Hans, Julie Gruenholz, Steve Russell, Mike Potvin, Chris Haviland, and Stewart Pierson

**Excused:** Pat Mainer

**Resigned:** Paul Wiczoreck (with regret)

**1)** The minutes of the November 12 meeting were approved (moved and seconded: Steve and Chris)

**2)** Treasurer's Report:

- Reserves: \$2523.59
- Annual budget \$1,500 of which only \$62.17 has been spent
- Carry over from \$5,000: all spent on trail work
- Carry over from 2013: All spend on Town Forest trail work
- Kiosk \$4200 plus \$500 per year(2013, 2014.) \$5,20, \$2,518.97 has been spent.(trail work
- Summary:
- Available:
- Reserve: \$2523.59
- 2014-2015 Annual Budget:
  - \$1,500 (\$62.17 spent)
- kiosks and other carry overs: \$5200 from which \$2519
  - \$2,681

**3)** UVM class will use Town Forest as its focus. Margaret Burk (498-5160) is in charge. Keith Thompson is representing us.

**4)** Trail maps need to be coordinated. Safety Zones need to be added to Town Forest areas that adjoin residences.

**5)** A trail walk will take place this Friday (Jan 16 at 9:30)

**6)** Chain Saw Danger: Agreement that many trees pose significant dangers due to portions which have partially broken. A reminder to the community (Front Porch Forum and Hinesburg Record) to be very careful, avoiding chain saws as much as possible. Pat Mainer has an article about this issue which we have used before and should again.

**7) Boundary Work:** We need pre-special paint. Project list should be developed for next year's budget. Brush hogging open areas should be done.

**8) Election of Officers:**

- Chair: Mike Potin
- Vice-Chair: Chris Haviland
- Treasurer: Stewart Pierson
- Secretary: Pat Mainer

**9) Fat Tire Bikes** are starting to appear. These could add to wear and tear on the bike trails.

**10) The Town Plan Review:** Agreement that copy should be evenly distributed amongst the three town forests: Geprags-LaPlatte and Town Forest. Julie offered to do this copy. Updating of factual issues should be included.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

Respectfully,  
Stewart Pierson