



Town Forest Committee

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Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2016

- Approved -

Present: Brent Francis Corinne Johansson, Kevin Hans, Pat Mainer, Mike Potvin, Stewart Pierson, and Steve Russell

Absent: Julie Gruenholz, Chris Haviland

Guests: none

Call to Order

Mike Potvin called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:09 p.m. on January 13, 2016, in the Town Hall.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Election of HTFC Officers for 2016

Mike reported that Chris said he'd be willing to be vice-chair or treasurer if the position were open but would not be the chair. Julie said she'd take on any role but being the chair. Stewart said he is willing to continue as treasurer. Brent said he'd take on any role but chair. Steve said he didn't want to be chair again. Corinne said she is too new to the committee and Kevin said that he has work conflicts with some of the meetings.

Corinne asked if we could postpone elections until we have more of the committee present. Mike noted that a person needs five votes, a majority of the full committee, to be elected so we might have to postpone.

Steve nominated Pat. Discussion followed. Steve moved that nominations be closed and that the chair cast one ballot for the nominee. Corinne seconded. Pat was elected.

Stewart nominated Chris for vice chair. Pat nominated Brent for vice chair. Steve called for a paper ballot. Balloting occurred and Pat directed Mike to count the votes but no candidate received five votes. Pat moved that we postpone the election until our next meeting. Corinne seconded. The

motion carried.

Steve suggested that we elect a secretary now. Those present agreed by acclamation. Mike nominated Julie for secretary. Steve moved that the chair cast one ballot for the nominee. Stewart seconded. The motion carried so Julie was elected secretary.

Discussion/Approval of December Minutes

Corinne moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015. Steve seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Google doc)

Stewart reported that there has been no activity in the account this month. Pat reviewed the Google spreadsheet: There is no money in the Regular account, the Projects account has \$1,659.03 and the Reserve account balance is \$2,523.59. Steve moved and Mike seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. Pat will again send a link to committee members.

Updates

- **Select Board Management Plan Changes**
Mike reported that he went to the Select Board meeting and presented the changes to the Management Plan regarding fires and camping but the SB only wanted to talk about budget. No campfires and no camping will be addressed at the SB meeting February 1. Pat said she will attend.
- **Select Board \$5K budget request**
Mike reported that the SB listened to the request for 5k for a professional to inventory the forest. Discussion followed. Mike suggested that we take another run at the SB based on item 5.3 part 3 of the management plan since that was our original intent. Mike will ask Trevor if it is reasonable to revisit the issue and update the packet. Pat said she'd attend the meeting.
- **Hayden Hill West Entrance Sign**
Stewart reported that the sign is installed.

Other Business

- **The old kiosk at the Economou Road Trailhead.**
After discussion it was determined that we should keep the Tree Farm sign and put it on the other kiosk. Steve moved. and Stewart seconded that the old kiosk should be removed. The motion carried.. Stewart said he'd be in charge of the removal.
- **Meeting with the Westford Select Board**

Corinne reported that the meeting with the Westford Planning commission re: Westford's Town Forest is in the process of being rescheduled.

- **Volunteer Hours**

Corinne asked about the volunteer hours. Mike forwarded our responses to Andrea. Corinne will send her hours directly

- **Boundary marking**

Brent said he'd finish the Hollis Parcel in the spring. Mike said on the big parcel trees are marked from HHE to Economou and beyond but not on the southern border. Brent wondered if we could organize folks to paint. Brent agreed to be in charge of coming up with a plan.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m., in the third floor conference room in the Town Hall.

Adjournment

Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Mainer