



Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2016

- Approved 9/08/16 -

Present: Pat Mainer, Chair, and Brent Francis, Chris Haviland, Corinne Johansson, Mike Potvin, and Steve Russell

Absent: Julie Gruenholz, Stewart Pierson, Steve Russell

Guests: Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County Forester

Call to Order

Pat called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2016.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

RFP for Inventory

Ethan Tapper presented a draft of the cover letter and RFP to be sent out to private foresters to bid on the work needed to complete the HTF Management Plan update. During discussion it was suggested that the HTF Management Plans be specifically included in the cover letter and RFP. Pat will send HTF Management Plan Action Items to Ethan. Ethan will incorporate and emphasize the HTF Action items in the introduction and throughout the RFP. The HTFC will hold a special meeting on August 18, 2016 to approve the final draft of the cover letter and RFP.

Discussion/Approval of July 14, 2016 Minutes

Pat suggested that the approval of the July 14, 2016 minutes be tabled until the next HTFC meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Brent reported that there is a total of \$6,182.32 in the HTF account that includes \$1500 the annual maintenance line, \$2,523.29 in deferred, and \$2,159.03 in the capital fund. Mike made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Chris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Boundary Marking

There was nothing new to report.

Communication with UVM

Pat reported that she and Corinne met and had come up with five potential service projects for UVM students to conduct in the Hinesburg Town Forests. Corinne shared the projects with the HTFC. Ethan offered to present the projects to the UVM students at the UVM event. Corinne will email the project ideas to Ethan.

Tree Farm Status

Pat reported that there was nothing new at this point in time. She will give an update at the September HTFC meeting.

Signs for HHW

Brent will contact staff at CVU to see if a student group would be interested in designing a sign for HHW en-trance area of HTF.

Town Wild Parsnip Policy

Pat reported that as per Trevor Lashua, Hinesburg Town Administrator, the town of Hinesburg does not have a policy on wild parsnip (invasive species) eradication within town property right of ways. Trevor later suggested a joint meeting between the HTFC and the Hinesburg Conservation Committee to discuss this issue.

Butternut/Apple Release in HTF

Brent reported that he has not done this yet. No other committee members had anything to report on this. Ste-ve will get in touch with Bill Torrey to see if Bill can inform the HTFC about the location of butternut and apple trees in the HTF.

Other Business

There was some discussion about posting on Front Porch Forum that was critical of the FOTW's work on trails in the HTF and elsewhere. Both Pat and Brent responded to this by inviting the individual to attend the next HTFC meeting.

It was decided that the HTFC would have a special meeting on August 18, 2016 to review and approve Ethan's final draft of the cover letter and RFP for the work by private foresters. Steve made the motion to hold a special HTFC meeting on August 18, 2016. Chris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meetings

Thursday, August 11, 2016 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall, first floor conference room.

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall, first floor conference room.

Adjournment

Mike made the motion to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Johansson and Mike Potvin.