



## Town Forest Committee

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### Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2016

- Approved 10/13/16 -

**Present:** Mike Potvin, Pat Mainer, Julie Gruenholz, Brent Francis, Chris Haviland

**Absent:** Stewart Pierson, Steve Russell, Kevin Hans, Corinne Johansson

**Guests:** None

#### Call to Order

Pat called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:07 p.m. on September 8, 2016, in the Town Hall.

#### Comments from the Public

No public opted to attend the meeting.

#### Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None.

#### Discussion/Approval of April Minutes

Mike moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2016. Brent seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mike moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016. Chris seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

Brent reported that there is a total of \$6,182.32 in the HTF account that includes \$1,500 the annual maintenance line, \$2,523.29 in deferred, and \$2,159.03 in the capital fund. Chris made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Updates

- **Boundary Marking**
  - Mike reported that there are no updates for this item.

- **RFP for the Forest Inventory**
  - Mike reported that the goal is to have an RFP completed before October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Communication with UVM/CVU**
  - Pat reported that Ethan did two presentations for the capstone projects to students at UVM. These projects include:
    1. Invasives in LHTF.
    2. Recreation use and its impact in HTF.
  - Brent reported that he contacted CVU and there are students that may be interested in helping do projects in the HTF.
- **Tree Farm Status**
  - Pat reported that she has no updates for this item.

### **New Business**

- **Harvest Festival Display with the Trails Committee**
  - Pat reported that the Trails Committee has asked us to join them to man a table for this festival. This will take place on Sept. 24, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Volunteers will sign up on a Google Doc that Pat will create.
- **Motorcycles/Dirt Bikes in the HTF**
  - Corrine sent word through Pat that a there were motorcycles in the forest. CCC (Cycle Conservation Club of Vermont) sponsored a ride and several participants cut through the HTF to meet the group at the beginning of their ride on Hayden Hill Road. All indications seem to indicate that they are abiding by the motorized rules in the HTF.

### **Other Business**

Brent reported that The Hollis Parcel does not have specific rules for Horse and ATV access. It appears that this is may be an issue and perhaps this needs to be defined more specifically. This parcel is defined as only to be used for “Dispersed Recreation”, which was intended to be foot traffic only.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall, bottom floor conference room.

### **Adjournment**

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Pat adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Gruenholz