



Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2017

- Approved 5/11/17 -

Present: Pat Mainer (Chair), Corinne Johansson, Brent Francis, Chris Haviland, Steve Russell

Absent: Julie Gruenholz, Kevin Hans, Stewart Pierson, Aaron Townsend

Guests: Darren Johnson

Call to Order

Pat called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:10 pm on April 13, 2017.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

NONE

Public Comment

NONE

Discussion/Approval of March 9, 2017 Minutes

Brent moved to approve the amended minutes of March 9, 2017. Chris seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Brent reported that other than the pending initial payment to Long Meadow Resource Management for the Inventory Contract, there were no changes. The most recent report stated that there is a total of \$4682.62 in the HTF account which includes \$0 in the annual maintenance line, \$2,523.59 in deferred, and \$2,159.03 in the capital fund. \$1,500 was paid to LMRM in early March. Steve moved and Chris seconded to approve this report. The motion was unanimously approved.

Updates:

- **Tree Planting in LHTF:** Pat reports that it is likely, though not final that the VYCC will be able to do a fall planting if it is approved by the state and the grant money comes through.
- **Ideas for Signs:** Brent found some photos. There was agreement that signs reflect the message that health activities and drinking/drugs do not mix. Brent is going to work up some ideas based on discussion to send to the committee for discussion at the next meeting.
- **Butternut & Apple Tree Release in the HTF:** Brent contacted Jesse Labrecque of Richmond who has the kind of equipment required. Jesse would like to come look. Brent will give him a tour of the areas under consideration during the April school break period.

- **Honeysuckle in HTF:** Pat would like some help in a few weeks to look for and pull along the Economou Road extension when it starts to bloom.
- **Boundary Marking:** Too much snow until very recently.
- **Amendments to Management Plans (Pat):** Pat to present at select board meeting April 17, 2017.

New Business:

- **Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program:** Pat attended the planning meeting in Bethel. The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program is seeking to work with 10 communities to support the development of town forest recreation and stewardship plans. This program will provide technical planning assistance to Vermont communities interested in addressing issues and opportunities in the use and stewardship of their town forest, a value of up to \$10,000 per town. Participating communities will receive technical assistance from a multi-disciplinary consultant team for the development of a town forest action plan. There is an application that needs to be submitted by June 1st. There was discussion of how such funds could be utilized to learn more about the recreational usage at the HTF.
- **Meeting with the Conservation Commission re: Gas pipeline money:** Members of the Conservation Commission joined the meeting at 8 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss areas where our two committee's responsibilities and interests might overlap.

Next Meeting

May 11, 2017, 7:00, Town Hall Lowest level conference room

Adjournment

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Pat adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland