



Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2017

- Approved 11/09/17 -

Present: Pat Mainer (Chair), Brent Francis, Chris Haviland, Steve Russell, Corinne Johansson, Stewart Pierson, Aaron Townsend, Kevin Hans

Absent: Julie Gruenholz

Guests: Steve Fischer (representing Fellowship of the Wheel)

Call to Order

Pat called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2017.

Presentation

Steve Fischer of Fellowship of the Wheel presented a slide show of pictures and summer work activities completed by FOTW. Steve lobbied for consideration of a beginner/novice trail for the future to replace Nature Boy that was destroyed by a wind storm in 2010 as well as an annual monetary contribution from the town to FOTW. Williston, Jericho and Colchester have contributed money to FOTW for the public trails in those towns.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Public Comment

None

Discussion/Approval of September 14, 2017 Minutes

Brent moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2017. Aaron seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Updated report was not available

Updates

- **Long Meadow Resource Management, Forest Inventory and Assessment:** Discussion of moving forward. Public notification is needed. Informational meeting(s). Stewart moved to accept the final draft report and present it to the select board as a supplement to the HTF

Management Plan. Kevin seconded. Pat will ask Harris to change the name of the report to "Forest Inventory and Assessment." The motion passed unanimously.

- **Tree Planting on the LHTF Flood Plain:** Pat reported VYCC "is going to plant a lot of trees on the flood plain closest to the village". Planting probably starts the last week of October. Ethan Tapper is working with Trees for Streams, The Nature Conservancy, and VT Fish and Wildlife on future projects for planting.
- **Boundary Marking:** no activity
- **Butternut & Apple Tree Release in the HTF and Brush Hogging:** Steve contacted Jesse Labrecque to let him know that the project had been approved. Jesse said he would be getting to the project in the next few weeks. Steve will follow up again.
- **Sign:** Signs received had an error. The company was going to reprint at no charge. Missy was waiting for the new signs to arrive. No further info at this point.
- **Hunting Season Notices:** Corrine made up copies of the same sign used last year. Discussion of updating the kiosk signage verbiage concerning hunting in the town forest. Pat will check and report at next meeting. The committee voted and approved. Signs from last year will be updated with correct dates and be posted.
- **Pollinator Research by UVM Grad Student:** Melanie Kazenel a UVM grad student would like to present her report at the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Budget Coordination with Conservation Commission:** Conservation Commission (Mike Bissonette) contacted Pat about coordination with HTF committee to request extra funds from the Select Board for projects. The view of the committee was the primary overlap is invasive species. Discussion amongst committee members was that the committee is in support of a town wide approach to dealing with invasive species.
- **Web Page Clean-Up:** Lenore Budd noted that the HTF Committee web page had outdated information and needed updating. Need to change some dates to correct committee member terms. Pat will talk to Aaron Kimball about changes.

Next Meeting

November 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Lowest level conference room

Adjournment

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Corrine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland