



Town Forest Committee

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Public Hearing - Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

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Present: Sue Rusten, Stewart Pierson, Jon Trefry, Darren Johnson, Corinne Johansson, Pat Mainer, Ray Mainer, Dena Monahan, Bud Allen, Barbara Forauer, Anne Donnegan, Kate Kelly, Aaron Miller, Ethan Tapper, Harris Roen

Call to Order: Darren Johnson called those present together for the purpose of reviewing and critiquing the *Inventory and Assessment of the Hinesburg Town Forest* written by Harris Roen of Long Meadow Resource Management. Darren introduced County Forester, Ethan Tapper and Consulting Forester, Harris Roen.

Discussion: Ethan presented background information about the Town Forest and the need for an *Inventory and Assessment*. He noted that the Town Forest Committee will review comments from this meeting, finalize the *Inventory and Assessment* in light of those comments and present it to the Select Board for its approval as an addendum to the *Hinesburg Town Forest Management Plan*.

Harris reviewed the *Inventory and Assessment* and answered questions from those present. One notable suggestion was made by Aaron Miller to include a section in the plan on "Climate Change Adaptation" that more clearly explains how the harvesting prescriptions have been designed to ensure that the future forest will be more resilient in the face of climate change (species/structural diversity) while also taking into consideration disturbance regimes that may be exacerbated by a changing climate (milder winters etc) such as insect infestation and invasive species.

Adjournment: Darren closed the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Mainer