



Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2018

- Approved 1/10/19 -

Present: Pat Mainer (Chair), Chris Haviland, Jon Trefry, Aaron Townsend, Stewart Pierson, Brent Francis, Aaron Miller

Absent: Darren Johnson, Corinne Johansson

Visitors:

Call to Order: Pat called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:00 pm on December 13, 2018

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Public Comment:

Discussion/Approval of November 8, 2018 Minutes: Jon moved to approve the minutes of Nov 8, 2018. Aaron Miller seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$1500 performance bond from Tim Brown for logging project deposited into project accounts. Balance including performance bond is \$2864.73. \$1500 in the annual account.

New Business:

- **Letter of Support for Planning Commission Budget Request - Kate Kelly:** Discussion of supporting the proposed town wide GIS Mapping project. Cost will be \$8000. Stewart moved, Jon seconded a motion for a letter from the HTFC to the select board supporting the project. The motion passed with one vote against.
- **Budget Request for FY20:** Discussion of whether the committee should request the annual additional funding in the new town budget. Jon moved, Stewart seconded that the committee not make the request this year for additional funding. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Vermont Master Naturalist Program:** Aaron Townsend will invite Brian Collier to the January meeting to fill in more details for committee members.
- **Letter of Support of TNC LHTF Tree Planting Grant Application:** Chris moved, Stewart seconded to send the letter of support. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

- **HTF Timber Harvest:** The harvest has started and is progressing. \$1000 has already been earned from timber sales
- **HTF walk with Ethan Tapper December 16:** Scheduled for this coming Sunday, December 16.
- **Annual Report Submission:** Pat created the report and asked for input.
- **Recreation Study Grant Update:** Completed
- **Steve Russell & Wayne Bissonette Plaques for Trails:** Discussed wording and placement of plaques.
- **Steve Russell & Wayne Bissonette Magazine Subscriptions:** Discussed funding subscriptions or a book purchase for Carpenter-Carse Library in name of. Jon moved to make a two year subscription to Northern Woodlands magazine and purchase the book “Trees of North America” for the library, not to exceed \$100 total. Stewart seconded. The motions passed unanimously.
- **Vermont Woodlands Association Tree Farm Program:** The HTF is re-registered and the registration has been paid for.
- **Web Page Clean-up:** Completed by Aaron Kimball
- **Contact with Carse Trust re Survey of HTF South Border (Jon):** Jon made contact but no outcome yet.
- **VOREC Grant Application:** No update
- **Emerald Ash Borer:** no update as of yet

Next Meeting: January 10, 2019, 7:00, Town Hall Lowest level conference room

Adjournment: Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland