



## Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes January 10, 2019

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

**Absent:** Darren Johnson

**Visitors:** Ethan Tapper

**Call to Order:** Pat called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:00 pm on January, 10 2019

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:** None

#### Ethan Tapper Updates

**Proposal for UVM NR206:** Deer browse study. Ethan presented info on study of deer population density.

**Emerald Ashe Borer:** Ethan shared his knowledge of the EAB issue relative to the proposal by Greg Ranallo to start an Ashe Borer control project in the HTF presented at the Nov. 8 2018 HTFC meeting.

**Russell Hill:** Naming of the high point of the HTF for Steve Russell. Aaron Miller moved that the committee endorse Ethan's research into the process of getting the name officially recognized. Stewart seconded. The motion passed with Brent opposed.

**HTF History Night:** 2<sup>nd</sup> walk was attended by about 20 people. Ethan is very interested in putting together a history night, asking people with knowledge of the HTF to make short presentations in an effort to get more info out about the timber harvest project. 3<sup>rd</sup> walk is planned for 1/19 at 1pm at Economou Road.

**Discussion/Approval of December 13, 2018 Minutes:** Jon moved to approve the minutes of Dec 13, 2018. Aaron Miller seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with the correction to the spelling of the word border.

**Treasurer's Report:** Capital Budget 8,969.12 of which \$1500 performance bond from Tim Brown for logging project. \$1470 in the annual account. Stewart moved to approve the treasures report. Corinne 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **UPDATES:**

- **Timber Harvest:** Ethan reported that the income from the harvest is exceeding expectations. Possibly doubling the original estimate over the two years.
- **Vermont Master Naturalist Program:** No update. Next meeting.
- **Recreation Study Report:** No update.
- **LHTF Management Plan:** Jon has read through the plan to look for items to update. Subcommittee meeting on Jan 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Steve Russell & Wayne Bissonette plaques for trails:** No update, next meeting
- **Steve Russell & Wayne Bissonette magazine subscriptions:** Complete
- **Russell's Ramble trail sign (Pat):** New sign in place at the start of the former "International" trail
- **Vermont Woodlands Association Tree Farm program sign:** Complete. Pat has the sign to be placed at adjacent to the HHW kiosk.
- **Contact with surveyor (Jon):** No update yet. Ethan suggested we would need to get three bidders.

#### **New Business:**

- **Winter Trail Grooming Proposal:** Discussion. Wait for outcome of presentation at Trails Committee meeting.
- **Election of Officers:**  
Pat Mainer, Chair  
Darren Johnson, Vice Chair  
Chris Haviland, Secretary  
Aaron Miller, Treasurer

**Corinne moved the nominations as listed above, Jon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Next Meeting:** February 14, 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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland

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