

**Hinesburg Town Forest Meeting
April 3, 2013**

Members in attendance: Stewart Pearson, Chris Haviland, Jason Reed, Brent Francis, Steve Russell, Paul Wiczoreck, Mike Potvin, Chuck Reiss

Guests: Joe Colangelo(Hinesburg Town Administrator), Frank Koss(Hinesburg Community Police Chief, Tom Keller, Jim Collins

1835 Call to Order

1836 Minutes from March 5th, 2013

Motion: Mike Potvin to accept as written

Second: Jason Reed

Discussion: Motorized vehicles not causing issues in town forest

Motion: Brent Francis to amend Action Item in March 5th minutes concerning motor vehicles in "Comments made in general discussion that motor vehicles did not seem to be an issue in HTF".

Second: Mike Potvin

Approved

Minutes approved with amendment

1842 Bat houses in LHTF- Tom Keller (Eagle Scout Request) Tom Keller wants to put bat houses on HTF land to enhance bat habitat to avoid potential easements at LHTF. Bat houses are to provide bat habitat especially for the Indiana bat. Bat houses will be built to spec of Bat Conservation International.(contact :Alissa Bennett).

3 poles with 2 bat houses attached to each pole

Paul W. was of the opinion that since the bat houses were being provided to enhance bat habitat and that was the reason for the federal grant to purchase LHTF, therefore bat houses were consistent with that grant.

Motion: Paul W Approve Tom Keller to install of 6 bat houses (2 on each pole) according to Bat Conservation International Spec. Installation will be accomplished before July 2013.

Second: Chris Haviland

Motion: approved

1858 Requests from Town Administrator, Joe Colangelo, and Hinesburg Community Police Chief, Frank Koss concerning Hours for HTF on Hayden Hill West and use of firearms in HTF

Loitering in HTF parking lot(Hayden Hill West) has been noted and Police Dept. have received complaints.

Frank Koss, Problem with Hayden Hill West issues since he has been Police Chief. Frank would like to post signs at the bottom of HHW (near North Rd)to display hours allowed to be in parking lot. Police goes off of duty at 2300.

Frank sees HHW parking lot as an "attractive nuisance". Frank would like to restrict parking lot from loitering and reduce traffic on HHW. Speeding on HHW a problem. Linking roads from HHW is another issue. No complaints have been received from from Hayden Hill East or Economou Rd parking areas.

Prohibit the use of firearms excluding hunting seasons
Joe discussed language for prohibiting of firearms in HTF except for hunting.
One complaint to HCPD was that a rifle was fired from a moving car on road.
General discussion about firearms, and concern for local residents near HTF.
Suggested hours of HTF closing 9-10 till 6:00am .

HTFC members concerned about legitimate use of HTF after hours(hiking, snowshoeing,
Bird watching..... Frank said police dept would use their discretion.
Frank Koss amended proposal times to close HHW parking lot from 10:00pm to 5:00am
Fines for violators would be established by Select Board.

- 1925** General agreement of HTFC, for an ordinance to close HHW parking lot from
10:00pm-5:00am.
General agreement of HTFC for an ordinance for no shooting in HTF except pursuant to
legal hunting and no shooting in parking lots

1929 Signs and Kiosks updates

Stewart Pearson discussed LHTF kiosk which will be placed near fence at trail entrance.

Received and opened one bid for kiosks. Will wait for more bids.
General discussion about moving forward on kiosks. HTFC does not accept current bid and
Chuck Reiss will pursue other options and report to HTFC.

- 1938 Boundaries** (referred to work by Brent Francis for maps and names)
Cost is prohibitive to formally survey HTF to remark boundaries

- 1939 Closing of Eagle's trails due to wet conditions- Chris Haviland will post signs.**

- 1940 Reviewed Priorities for Action Priorities**(reference HTF management plan)
Jason read through items contained in HTF management plan. General discussion.
All issues are being address and work is in progress.

- 1954 Other business-** Trail names. Brent Francis will reintroduce discussion/consideration for changing
some trail names to ones that are more meaningful to the community at another HTFC
meeting. Brent has some recommendations submitted from various groups.

- 1955 Meeting adjourned**

