

Windham Forestry Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 17, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Wanda Rice – Chair
Norman Babineau – Vice Chair
Holly Hanford Oliver – Secretary
Wayne Morris – Conservation Commission
James Finn – Conservation Commission

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm

DISCUSSION:

Wayne motioned to approve March's Meeting Minutes, Jim seconded. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

Eric from IT discussed our options for a Forestry Committee email address. We decided we wanted a generic address and for the chair to filter and share with the committee if necessary. Our new email address is Forestry@Windhamnewhampshire.com. We discussed archiving the emails—this is not a problem as Eric has 3 available licenses. Wayne motioned to set up a Forestry email that gets forwarded to the committee chair for filtering and distribution to the members if needed, and Jim seconded. The motion was approved 4-1-0. Norm opposed and felt we should all, or at least a second member, be receiving the emails.

Wanda reported that she had sent the CDD letter to Laura Scott and shared her reply. We will keep them informed via a public meeting and timeline. Wanda said we're harvesting this summer and will let her know when we know more details.

We reviewed the current timeline and made updates.

Wanda shared her vernal pool article for the paper and Norm made minor edits. We like that the article is informative and also helps with our public image about the harvest.

We discussed having a historic name for the forest, and Wayne suggested McIlvaine Town Forest and motioned to approve, Jim seconded. The motion was approved 4-1-0. Norm opposed because he wanted more history before establishing a permanent name.

One of our next newspaper articles will be about the history of the property and its name, which Wayne has agreed to write. Wanda has a few other possible topics for articles.

Mike P. offered to send letters to the abutters of the property with information about the harvest. He also offered to give an informational tour for the abutters, and we decided his tour invite could go in with the abutter letters. Wayne suggested we record video of the tour.

Regarding the Rules of Procedure, Dave S. suggests we remove the BOS references and insert ourselves into the copy. Norm will work on revisions.

Wayne has checked with the assessor about combining the parcels and is still waiting to hear back. Wayne will check back in.

We discussed the current property removal notice, and Norm will add in the new web contact information. We discussed distributing it more widely via newspapers.

Wanda reported that another tree stand and game camera were found. We decided to post the property removal notices on the entrances to the forest and newly found stand.

Wanda discussed the marking progress and tallying procedure of the harvest.

Norm mentioned he wants to make sure unusual specimen trees are kept for visual interest. Mike mentioned we can flag and mark any trees we do not want cut.

Wayne discussed the current vernal pool buffer regulations, and the benefits of increasing it from 25 feet to 50 feet. Wanda discussed her vernal pool GPS marking, and Wayne asked her to mark for the Conservation Commission as well.

Next meeting set for Friday, May 15 at 1:00 pm in the CDD room.

*Wayne motioned to adjourn, Wanda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.
Motion approved 5-0-0.*