



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

## WINDHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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### Minutes for June 15, 2017 (DRAFT)

Community Development Meeting Room

Public Invited to Attend

#### Call to Order at 7:00pm

- a. In attendance, Wanda Rice, Norm Babineau, and Brian McFarland.
- b. Jim Fricchione and Jim Finn were not in attendance.

**1. Next Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> in upstairs room at the Town Hall. \*NOTE, the location change.\*

#### Reports on Action Items from Last Meeting

**2. Approve May 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.** Norm motioned to approve. Wanda Seconded. Norm, Wanda, and Brian vote to approve. Motion passed 3-0-0.

#### 3. Trails Updates

- a. Weston Update: Norm brought up the Weston Trail Easement to the Trails Committee. The Trails Committee is in favor of the easement updates at Weston. Dick Gregory said it is still not up for final acceptance. If Karl Dubay is at next Trails Committee meeting, the Weston Trail Easement will be brought up to him by Wayne Morris.
- b. Wood Meadows Update: Wanda sent an email to Lisa Ferrisi, chair of Conservation Commission, to get on next Conservation Commission agenda (June 22<sup>nd</sup>). Jim Finn and Wayne Morris did a site walk with Norm. Jim and Wayne liked existing trails and the proposed bridges. Next step is for the Forestry Committee to go to the Conservation Commission, and then to meet with the developer via the Trails Committee.
- c. Marking Update: Forestry Committee has not done any additional markings since the last Forestry Committee meeting.

#### 4. Gate Update

- a. Wanda sent pictures of gate examples and maps of the proposed location to install the gate to the Board of Selectmen. Wanda will attend the Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting. Wanda will also ask for a key to the Marblehead Road gate.
- b. Dave Sullivan heard from insurance company that more reflective tape on the gate is desired.
- c. Norm went back to Fences Unlimited the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Fences Unlimited can do "anything" with chain link design. Fences Unlimited also put in the bar gate design on the new section of Route 111. Norm has an appointment at 3pm on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to meet Fences Unlimited at the landfill to get a better cost estimate for the proposed gate. The high-level estimate from Fences Unlimited was \$600 to \$900.

## **5. Trail Camera**

- a. Wanda received the trail camera. The camera was put in Wanda's backyard for testing purposes. Overall, the camera produces good quality pictures, video, and sound.
- b. Should get a small padlock for the trail camera for extra security.

## **New Business**

## **6. Next Meeting**

- a. Next meeting is on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the upstairs room of the Town Hall.
- b. Brian is unable to attend the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting due to a work trip.

## **7. Annual Election of Officers**

- a. Norm made a motion to keep all positions the same. These positions are: Chair, Wanda Rice; Vice-Chair, Norm Babineau; and Secretary, Brian McFarland. Wanda Seconded. Norm, Wanda, and Brian vote to approve. Motion passed 3-0-0.

## **8. Financial Update**

- a. The Forestry Committee has spent \$355.14 from the Town-approved \$6,000. This \$355.14 included funds for a vernal pool workshop, nails, and the trail camera with security package.

## **9. Bridge Designs**

- a. Norm did a site visit of the High Clear Development; in attendance was a knowledgeable bridge maker for Conservation Commission trails.
- b. Norm brought three pictures from Foster's Pond and one picture from the Rail Trail.
- c. It would be nice to have a uniform look to bridges. For instance, the style of railings and curbing. Also, bridges should not be too wide to help discourage ATV usage.
- d. Norm also brought the USDA Forest Service Standard Pedestrian / Cross Country Skier Bridge Design for the Eastern Region blueprint. It is recommended that this blueprint, in conjunction with OSHA Standards (for instance, at what height are railings required), should be used for bridges throughout Town. Norm will print out the blueprint in a larger form and bring to the next Trails Committee for approval.

## **10. Other**

- a. There is a lot of sprouting at the UNHCE Wildflower Meadow Maintenance Site. Some of the partridge peas from last year's cover crop planting are also sprouting. Cathy Neal plans to check the site again in a few weeks and will contact us if she thinks the aggressive weeds need to be mowed. Using a lawnmower at the site would be challenging due to the plot flags, but a weedwacker would be more time consuming and be less uniform.

**Norm motioned to adjourn, Brian seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.**