



*OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS*

## **WINDHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

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### **Minutes for February 20, 2020 (DRAFT)**

Community Development Meeting Room - Public Invited to Attend – 7:30pm

#### **Call to Order at 7:35pm**

- a. In attendance: Wanda Rice (Chair), Norm Babineau (Vice Chair), Brian McFarland (Secretary), and Jake Cross. Jim Finn was not in attendance.

#### **1. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes (12/19/19)**

- a. Norm made a motion to approve December 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Jake seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

#### **2. Conservation Commission response regarding invasive species control on land bordering the McIlvaine Town Forest by Forestry Committee**

- a. Conservation Commission approved motion for Bay State Forestry to undertake invasive species control;
- b. Wanda will follow up with Bay State Forestry regarding next steps.

#### **3. Big Tree program update**

- a. Big Tree program visit was done on January 15, 2020 regarding the American Chestnut at the Town Forest;
- b. Town will receive a certificate in recognition.

#### **4. Annual Reports**

- a. Town and state reports were completed and sent in by Wanda;
- b. Wanda will complete the Town archive of the 2019 Forestry Committee meeting minutes now that the December 19, 2019 meeting minutes have been approved.

#### **5. Kiosk Map and Signage**

- a. Committee reviewed the map and proposed: removing Alliance Landscape to separate sign; to add Cardinal North; to remove OHRV icon (but leave no OHRV language); to add distances to some trails; and to update the QR code;
- b. Committee also discussed a map for the website and after the map is posted online, then the QR code on the printed maps for the kiosk will be updated;
- c. Committee also discussed proposed language for sign at Weston;
  - i. Jake made a motion to approve spending up to \$150 for two signs to be printed on foam core. Norm seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

#### **6. Promoting pollinator habitat**

- a. Committee discussed Pollinator Pathways, a program started by the Kingston Conservation Commission to encourage people to plant more pollinator friendly species;

- b. Committee discussed options and budget for purchasing wildflower seeds for the Town Forest;
  - i. Norm made a motion to approve spending up to \$200 for pollinator friendly seeds purchase. Jake seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- c. Milkweed and aster seeds will be distributed to members at the next meeting to start in pots for later planting.

**7. Purchase wildlife friendly shrubs & hemlock from NH Nursery**

- a. Committee discussed purchasing wildlife friendly shrubs from the NH State Nursery;
  - i. Norm made a motion to approve spending up to \$50 for wildlife friendly shrubs. Jake seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. Committee discussed purchasing hemlocks for the Weston Easement. Free installation will be done by Alliance Landscaping. The topic will be revisited in the Spring.

**Jake motioned to adjourn; Brian seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.**