



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

WINDHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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Windham Forestry Committee Meeting

Minutes for June 18, 2020 (DRAFT)

1. Call to order 7:10 pm

- a. In attendance Wanda Rice (Chair), Norm Babineau (Vice-Chair), Jacob Cross (Regular Member), David Curto (Conservation Member). Not in attendance Brian McFarland (Conservation Member).

2. Approve prior meeting minutes (02/02/20)

- a. Norm made a motion to accept as written, Jake seconded. Motion approved 3-0-1. Dave abstained.

3. Welcome new/returning members and election of officers

- a. Norm made a motion for officer positions to remain unchanged, Wanda seconded. Motion approved 4-0-0.

4. Review Rules of Procedure for possible amendment

- a. No changes suggested at this time.

5. Forestry Financial update

- a. \$4,600 remaining from 2019 Warrant Article.
- b. \$50K in Special Forestry Fund.

6. Invasive species work update

- a. Wanda working to find someone to cover work order as original forester no longer works at Bay State Forestry.

7. Kiosk map & signage

- a. New trail maps/signs are up at all kiosk and neighborhood access trails. Added to Forestry web page.
- b. Norm motioned to approve final sign cost of \$213, Wanda seconded. Motion approved 4-0-0.

8. Planting at Weston kiosk and granite trail post status

- a. Continuing to ask developer and development engineer to review trail post installation as it appears to have been installed on the neighbor's property and not in the easement right of way.
- b. Several hemlock seedlings planted as future screening of the kiosk. Last look shows most have rooted and showing new growth.

9. Trail work

- a. Rock work done to improve 3 stream crossings until bridges are installed by Wood Meadow developer
- b. Trail Closed sign at wetland was removed and trail cleared. Wanda will create new sign explaining why the trail has been closed due to past ATV erosion damage to the hillside. May also install camera to monitor.
- c. Downed tree across trail near Weston has been removed.

10. Pollinator habitat update

- a. Purchased and planted wildflower seed this spring
- b. Planted shrub species from NH State Nursery they mostly appear to have survived and are showing new growth.

11. Open Space Development discussions

- a. Jake would like to review town open space regulations for developments. Dave has concerns that developments are given density bonuses but open space areas are not always available for public use or trails. Norm has seen evolution of open space developments over the years from no public access to public trail easement only and then completely deeding open space to Conservation. Jake mentioned master plan being worked on now with Planning Board.

12. Campbell Farm trail planning

- a. Dave looking forward to formalizing historic/nature trails on the property.

13. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for August 20th

Norm made motion to adjourn, Jake seconded. Motioned approved 4-0-0