



*OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS*

## **WINDHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

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### **Minutes for July 21, 2022 (DRAFT)**

Community Development Room - Public Invited to Attend – 7:00pm

#### **Call to Order at 7:05pm**

- a. In attendance: Wanda Rice (Chair), Norm Babineau (Vice Chair), Brian McFarland (Secretary), and Dave Curto. Jake Cross was absent.

#### **1. Approve October Meeting Minutes**

- a. Norm made a motion to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes. Wanda seconded the motion. **Motion passed 2-0-2** (with Brian and Dave abstaining from the vote);

#### **2. Annual Officer Elections**

- a. Norm made a motion to keep roles the same (i.e., Wanda Rice as Chair, Norm Babineau as Vice Chair, and Brian McFarland as Secretary). Brian seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0-0;**

#### **3. Invasive Species Update**

- a. Late last Summer / Fall, invasives species, including buckthorn, were professionally treated;
- b. Wanda visited the area a few weeks ago and did not see any more invasives;
- c. The work done by the company that treated the area seems successful and the area should be reassessed this Fall.

#### **4. New Trail Development**

- a. The Committee discussed additional trail developments, including using its own forestry funds to do trail development (i.e., such as mowing the road and clearing blowdowns);
- b. The Committee also discussed seeking approval from the Conservation Commission to extend a small part of the trail that passes over Conservation Commission land;
- c. Norm made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,000 (increased from previous estimate of \$2,750) for additional trail development. Brian seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0-0;**

#### **5. Discuss Warrant Article**

- a. The Committee discussed the Forestry Committee of Pelham's warrant articles, specifically Article #12 and #13;
- b. Wanda will ask Brian McCarthy, Town Administrator, for assistance with drafting the language for the next Town's warrant article.

## **6. New Business**

- a. The Committee discussed the upcoming Town's Master Plan and whether to write up a 1-2 paragraph section on the Town Forest, including highlighting its accomplishments and projections for the next 10-15 years (i.e., such as the next timber harvest);
- b. The Bayberry bridges should be assessed in the next 2-3 years;
- c. Wanda secured several trail volunteers for brush clearing and trail maintenance;
- d. A tree stand was found in the Town Forest and will need to be removed.

**Dave motioned to adjourn; Wanda seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**

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