



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA and MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2021

7pm-9pm

Meeting place: Sherburne Hall 6 Village Green, Pelham, NH 03076

Public meeting

Agenda and Meeting notes for October meeting:

Start time: 7:01pm - Adjourn: 9:36pm

Attendance:

Charlie Gale
Paul Gagnon
Bob Lamoureux
Gayle Plouffe
Mary Hathaway
Nick Spanos
Ray Brunelle
Chris Gallagher
Linda Irish-Simpson

Advisor:

Deb Waters (via remote attendance)
Jaie Bergeron

- **Open forum :**

No public attendance

- **Ed Gleason, Chairman of the Trustees of the Trust Fund, will be joining our October meeting to answer questions about a proposed warrant article to change the way Forestry funds are handled.**

Ed has proposed a new Warrant Article that would designate the Forestry Committee to become designated Agents to Expend Forestry funds. Ed reached out to the D.O.J. and they are in full support of this process.

- **The 2022 warrant article proposal for \$56,100.00 has been received and acknowledged by Brian McCarthy.**

This article has been submitted for next year's expenses.

- **NH Fish and game and Pelham Police helping or not helping with Cutler Spalding update** (Mary)

Chief Roark reached out and let us know he is going to look into this. Mary emailed again to see where he is in this process, still waiting to hear back..

- **Peabody ATV damage assessment update and map update (Charlie)**

Charlie and Scott Bowden walked the trail. Charlie suggests blocking access by use of boulders and trees.

Charlie is also in the process of updating the map.

A horse rider asked on FaceBook, if we can widen openings and make bridges wider for her horse to walk on. Paul suggested she come to the meeting. Mary will try to contact her and invite her to the November meeting.

Deb wrote a letter to the town selectmen asking them to look into the Class VI road laws and maybe change the classification to emergency lane and close roads during the wet season to limit damage.

- **Moose Pond water testing update(Charlie)**

Charlie ran a water test. The water showed high levels of PH and Phosphate. Bob, Charlie and Paul believe the levels may be high due to fertilizer running down the hill from

landowners. Paul suggests keeping an eye on the levels. If the levels get too dangerous, we may need to talk to the landowners about switching fertilizers.

Charlie sent the results out to Dena Hoffman. He is waiting to hear back from her and her suggestions on moving forward.

- **Fire Department update (Bob)**

Paul and Charlie will present their gate plan to the fire Chief in hopes that the fire department will help with funding the gates. Charlie's quote for gates, \$1,900.00-\$2,100.00

- **Costa sign repair update (Nick)**

Nick has the green light to buy a ¾ inch pressure treated backing for the sign. Nick and Ray will do their best to restore the sign's integrity.

Voted 3-0-0

- **Merriam Farm work update (Paul)**

Merriam Farm project plan has been finalized with Eric Radlof.

Tree harvest is planned to be done in December 2021

Spring 2022 for the landing, gate at the landing, parking lot of Mammoth Rd. and perhaps repairing the existing bridge over Gumpus Brook.

Paul will reach out to get the Merriam Cutter red trail and PVMP mapped by NRPC.

- **Hike challenge update (Linda)**

Seven hikers so far have finished the hike challenge and earned a boot patch!!

- **Trail maintenance party October 30 update**

The party starts at noon.

- **Scout update on Raymond Bridge (Charlie)**

Charlie has been putting in some major manpower and helping with this Eagle bridge project. The bridge is coming along nicely.

- **No motorized wheeled vehicle signs update (Charlie)**

Quotes range from \$64 to \$80 each. The plan is the hope of working with police and fire to have more patrolling and uphold fines to prosecutors.

- **Moose Pond Bridge repair**

As of right now for a temporary fix, the committee voted 3-0-0 for Nick and Ray to purchase plywood, not to exceed \$200.00.

Forestry will consider long term repairs in 2022

November agenda thus far:

- Public and email open forum (Charlie)
- Trail adopter update (Charlie)
- Costa sign repair update (Nick and Ray)
- Moose Pond bridge update (Ray+Nick) Trail walk inspection of bridge and dam update.
Volunteer to take this on as trail adopters and follow the "Best Management Practices for Dam Maintenance" prepared by NHDES provided by Deb Waters
- Fire Department subcommittee update (Jaie)
- Gate proposal to fire chief update (Paul and Charlie)
- Moose Pond/ Dena update (Charlie)
- FaceBook horse rider : Nov/8/21 walk and talk with Kim: Tim will open the entrance to 30" and try to make a clear path way next to the bridge for the horse.

Attended the "walk and Talk" Paul G, Charlie G, Chris G, Deb W, Mary H, Tim K.

- Bolder block list -Deb to provide list- quote from Mike Taylor to move boulders before and after snowmobile season.
- Hike challenge update (Linda)
- Next Trail meeting will be held Monday December 6th.

Time 4pm : Place to be determined