



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA / Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

7pm-9pm

Meeting place: Pelham Police Station Community Meeting Room
Public meeting

Meeting minutes-

Meeting start 7:04pm

Bob L- Motion to adjourn meeting, Charlie G second:

Meeting adjourn 9:04pm

Attendance

Committee members

1. Paul Gagnon
2. Charlie Gale
3. Bob Lamoureux
4. Gayle Plouffe
5. Mary Hathaway

Trail maintenance workers/volunteers/members of the public

1. Tim Kennedy
2. Raymond Brunelle Jr
3. Nick Spanos Jr

Selectman representative

Jaie Bergeron

Selectman

Bob Haverty

1) Elect Officers

Paul G motioned, Charlie G second, 5 total votes yes

Mary Hathaway: Committee chair

Paul G motioned, CharlieG second, 4 yes- 0 no- 1 abstain

Bob Lamoureux: Vice chair

2) Create a list of all the Forestry Committee's responsibilities-

- Manage town forests:

Create, follow and carry out the forest management plan for each town forest to help maintain and preserve wood, water, wildlife and recreation. Paul estimated we have been focusing about 80% of our energy and resources on recreation. Gayle reminded us not to lose focus on water, wood and wildlife.

3) Members volunteer to champion each Forestry Committee responsibilities

- Maintain timber forest spreadsheet and act as point person for Eric Radlor: Paul G
- Invite Eric R to our June forestry meeting: Paul G
- Agenda- Mary H
- Meeting schedule: Forestry meetings will be held every fourth Monday of the month at Sherburne Hall Pelham Nh on camera : Mary H
- Contact Brian D on changing town website appointment status: Mary H
- Website email contact: Charlie G
- Inventory of town forests and updating maps: Charlie G
- Trail adopters/volunteers and scout head contact: Charlie G
- Collecting info about storm water runoff: Charlie G
- Treasurer: NA

- **Hike challenge lead organizer**

Linda Irish-Simpson.

4) Define role of proposed sub-committee-

- Paul G motioned, Mary H second. 5 votes yes.

Subcommittee to consist of 5 members. To come to every forestry meeting, 4th Monday of every month at 7pm Sherburne Hall Pelham Nh (We still need to figure out/ get more clarification from selectmen if they can act stand in voters if committee members are absent)

Committee still needs to map out the role of the subcommittee in our June meeting

Invite the applicants who have already applied, to our July meeting for an interview session.

Meeting concerns

- How do we make fire fighting access easier for our firefighters while maintaining the integrity of our town forest from atv's.
- Will forestry be charged for fire damage, and for the truck damage? :Jaie B answered that there was no damage cost for forestry.
- Gail mentioned, \$35k forestry grant was inadvertently left off the warrant to the selectmen, resulting in no forestry grant. Paul G suggested inviting Eric Radloff to come into our next meeting to share his expertise and suggestions.

Next meeting June 28th 7pm Sherburne Hall Pelham Nh

Agenda items.

- We need a treasurer
- Role of Subcommittee
- Invite subcommittee applicants to July meeting for interview
- Merriam farm findings on endangered/protected plant and moving forward with the trail plan
- Giving Eric R the floor