



## TOWN OF PELHAM

6 Village Green  
Pelham, NH 03076

### FORESTRY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

August 6, 2019

PELHAM POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

#### Trail Adopter Report

Merriam Cutter – tree removed from trail; trash removed from parking area; mowing underway around sign; trees trimmed around parking area; more brush to be removed to provide greater visibility in parking area

Snowmobile Trail Report – trail work for fall being planned

Moeckel Road Town Forest – timber harvest underway; landing is being created on Moeckel Road per management plan; 3 abutters attended meeting to express concerns. The following was discussed:

1. Approximately 42 feet of stone wall on town-owned land was pushed to the side to create a short access road and landing for a timber harvest on Moeckel Road Town Forest; a feller buncher was used to enter the property to work on clearing the access road and landing; the feller buncher breached the stone wall by driving over the stone wall; stones from the wall were preserved and are being stored to the left of the entrance
2. Prior to the start of the forestry job, loggers were instructed by Town Forester to set aside stone wall boulders for potential future use



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3. Landing area was stumped and surface soil scraped into temporary piles to prevent muddy conditions during timber harvest
4. Landing size and location was pre-determined by Town Forester to accommodate site conditions including roadway site distance, turning radius and possible avoidance of wetland impact
5. Trees cut from landing were stacked to the back and sides of newly created landing per standard practice
6. Town Forester sent abutters notice letter on 5/29/2019
7. After harvest, Forestry Committee will repair stone wall and seed landing if Town Forester recommends; work to be done when practicable
8. Going forward, Forestry Committee will provide a link to the forest management plan posted to town website in notice letter; provide a landing buffer if possible; minimize stone wall disturbance without impeding forestry work and repair if feasible

### Discussion of 2020 Warrant Articles

Review of budget, remaining funds and amount in Forest Maintenance Fund; vote to eliminate warrant article for 2020; In favor – Brendan Decelles, Bob Lamoureux, Gayle Plouffe, Deborah Waters; Opposed – Paul Gagnon; Passed 4 to 1

### Appointments

Chairman – Deborah Waters for 1 year – vote 5 to 0 in favor

Vice-Chairman – Brendan Decelles for 1 year – vote 5 to 0 in favor



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Secretary – position not voted; Deborah Waters will cover

Members present: Brendan Decelles, Paul Gagnon, Bob Lamoureux, Gayle Plouffe, Deborah Waters

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 P.M.