



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA / MEETING NOTES

February 28th 2022

7pm-9pm

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

Public meeting

Attendance:

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

Deb Waters - Advisor to the forestry committee

Meeting start time : 7:02pm

Meeting adjourn time : 8:36pm

Agenda

Open forum in person- public-

No in-person issues brought forth

Open forum email (Charlie)-

A citizen contacted Linda and let her know of some trail marker issues. Linda and Charlie are resolving the trail marker situation.

Possibility of making a community garden in Merriam Farm after timber harvest (Al Steward) We welcome Al to talk about the garden project and to answer questions of the forestry committee.

Al Steward, Jenny Larson and Danielle Masse Quinn, came to present the possibility of a community garden on town forest land.

The proposed location of the garden in their presentation did not line up with the wildlife habitat that forestry, with the guidance of Eric Raddlof, Forestry's forester, is trying to conserve and create.

Eric Raddlof suggests, communicated through Chris Gallaher, proposed locating the garden to the western portion near Gumpus Brook. That would be near the new parking lot entrance off of Mammoth Rd.

Forestry supports this garden idea and we would love to see it succeed. Bob, Paul, Deb and other forestry members said they would help with finding maybe a better location for the garden.

Deb suggested scouting out a spot at PVMP. This way the garden would be protected from out of town and possibly local vandalism due to the keycard gate for access to the area.

Mowing service options for the fields at Gumpus, Cutter, Merriam, Merriam Farm, PVMP and Wolven. (Deb)

Deb stated, due to best practices used in developing wildlife habitats, the fields need to be mowed and maintained so that the wild grasses, wildflowers, berries, etc, can best benefit our local wildlife. Deb suggests having all town forest fields be evaluated and put on a mowing schedule.

Paul made a motion to vote- Paul will reach out to Eric Radloff to request an estimate of the cost to include, evaluating all of Pelham's town forest's fields, making a mowing schedule for each field and the first round of mowing.

Charlie second Paul's motion to obtain this estimate.

All in favor 3-0-0, motion passed

Sub-committee interviews-

Stefenie Cote- Attended
Maxwell Quinn- Attended
Dustin Hirsch- Attended
Mike Andree- Attended

Vote on new sub-committee member-

Stefenie Cote - 4 votes
Dustin Hursh - 1 vote

Stefenie Cote is voted in by majority rules.
Welcome Stefenie

Vote in January's meeting minutes

Charlie motioned to accept January's minutes as they are
Paul second
3-0-1

Charlie motioned to Adjourn meeting 8:36pm
Bob second

March 28th 2022 Agenda

Open forum- public in the building

Open forum- public through email (Charlie)

Early Successional Habitat Project at Gumpus Pond.(Chris + Deb)

Update on gates, class 6 roads were voted to be turned into class A roads (Charlie)

Update on timber harvest at Merriam Farm (Paul)

Merriam Farm mowing quote from Eric Radlof (Paul)

Veterans Park- Gps, new trail and updates (Linda)

Wolven Park conservation area updates - (Chris)

Project Learning Tree- educational curriculum program that focuses on hands-on environmental education. (Deb, Stefenie)

Community garden update (Bob)

Vote on February's meeting minutes