



TOWN OF PELHAM

6 Village Green
Pelham, NH 03076

PELHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – **APPROVED**

MONDAY
10/23/23
7:03PM-8:11pm

PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT:
14 Village Green, Pelham, NH 03076
Pelham Police Station Community Room

Attendance

Committee Members

Mike Gendreau
Raymond Brunelle
Paul Gagnon
Linda Irish-Simpson
Bob Lamoureux

Start of Meeting – 7:03PM Pledge of Allegiance

April 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Minutes approved for FC meeting on 09/25/23. Paul G motion, Ray B second.
(Vote: Yes - 5 & No -0).

Open Forum:

James Fisher – Offered to make trail signs at his expense over the winter if we are interested.

Heather Corbett – Suggest we learn to determine the difference between invasive and non-invasive bittersweet. Heather mentioned invasive bittersweet only grows berries on the ends of the leaf whereas non-invasive grows berries all over.

Blue Bird Society: A discussion on the finances from the start through current on the Blue Bird Society with Forestry. The amount requested was \$493.40. Bob L suggested we round it off to \$600.

Motion by Bob L requesting \$600 be given to Blue Bird Society. Paul G second.
(Vote: Yes - 5 & No -0).

Fall Forest Work Needed: Linda had emailed a spread sheet where fall maintenance should be done. Detailed with material needed / volunteers etc. Multiple members involved with numerous projects.



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Bridge Estimates: 2 estimates presented. Cutter Merriam/Long Trail. Some back-and-forth discussion on railings (on the Little Island Pond bridges). It was agreed railings need to be wide enough for emergency access machines.

Motion by Paul G accepting estimate of \$2,800 for bridge repair. Ray B second.

(Vote: Yes - 5 & No -0).

Estimate for bridge repair off of Spring Street towards Little Island Pond needs to be revisited. The estimate didn't read correctly. Mike G to contact Mike Taylor to have him review and resend. We will revisit in a future meeting. Paul G brought up in discussion Permit by Notification on future projects that we feel may require one. Ray B said he would look into this. Heather C stated we should get something in writing from NH DES.

Future Trail Adopter Meeting: Linda suggested we plan something towards the end of January on a Monday. We tentatively scheduled Monday January 29th. Mike G to contact Parks & Rec to see what would be available. We don't have a head count yet so unsure of the room size. Will revisit.

Walk-In Items:

Linda – 4 new hike challengers. 46 to date & 2 new trail adopters. Thanked Heather for clearing brush/overgrowth.

Bob L – There is a tree that fell which hit Bob's property. He mentioned when this happens, we would contact Highway Department to take care of this. With this being his own personal property, he wanted to be transparent and vote the OK to have removed.

Motion by Paul G with OK to contact highway department. Ray B second

(Vote: Yes - 4 & No -0 with 1 abstained).

Paul G – Emailed FC that he spoke with the town forester & the person at DES who approves invasive spray permits is on vacation for two weeks which would put us past the time to spray when effective. Because of this, we will likely spray double next year.

Mike G – Read the details from the most recent timber harvest. Net was \$8,322.53.

Adjourn: 8:11PM

Motion to adjourn meeting Bob L, second Ray (Vote Yes 5 & No -0)