

TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

February 27th 2023

7pm-9pm

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

Public meeting

Attendance

Committee

Charlie Gale  
Bob Lamoureux  
Mary Hathaway

Subcommittee

Nick Spanos  
Ray Burnelle  
Linda Irish Simpson  
Chris Gallagher  
Tim Kennedy

Deb Waters ( Forestry Advisor)  
Heather Corbett ( Selectman Chair)

- Open forum:

Beth Jussaume:

Letter to the committee: Beth wrote and read a letter of support thanking forestry for their volunteer efforts.

Beth expressed how helpful the easy walking trails projects are for walking with her elderly mother. They get to enjoy the wilderness together.

- Email open forum(Charlie):

Tree down in Raymond all taken care of .

E-bikes- Class 1 and 2 (Paul-Deb)

*Paul suggests-Class 1 and class 2 bikes are allowed on all bike trails and multi-use paths unless specifically posted otherwise. **Tabled for March meeting due to Paul's absence***

- Eric Radlof our forester price increase- (Paul) Paul is absent, but he shared the email and new pricing with the team.

Vote action to accept Eric's price increase and continue working with Eric  
(Tabled for March) Bob is going to research a few other foresters and come to the March meeting with quotes.

**Commented [1]:** Since Paul is going to be on vacation and not present at the meeting, I think this item should be tabled until March. I have information to add, but do not feel I should lead the topic.

**Commented [2]:** \_Marked as resolved\_

**Commented [3]:** \_Re-opened\_  
Thank you.

- Amend Kirby-Ivers, Costa, Little Island Management plans to include deed and town forest vote information (Deb)

Vote: Charlie motioned to amend the management plans, Mary Second  
3-0-0

- Child-friendly trail projects (Stefenie and Deb)

Stefenie and Deb working to put together a child hike program run through the Parks and Rec department. Deb is asking the committee for support to contact NRPC to help put together a self-guided story map for which anyone with a phone can access. The committee gives their support

- Age-friendly trail work – vote to fund needed work at Gumpus Pond Conservation Area Blue Trail Loop and Little Island Pond Conservation Area (Tim and Deb)

Materials list totaling \$ 2,240.00

Charlie Motioned

Mary Second

3-0-0

Little island – safety plan. 2 gate

- Merriam Cutter – vote to install farm gate at Sherburne Road parking lot and have the Highway Dept. take care of downed trees at parking lot (Deb)

Charlie motioned

Mary second

3-0-0

- Beaver Ecology Walk to be held at Gumpus Pond CA on Saturday, February 25th. ( Chris)

Chris organized a great walk lead by Matt Tarr, Extension Professor & State Specialist in Wildlife Habitat with the University of NH. Matt talked about the beaver life cycle, habitat, behaviors, etc.

- Target practice- Hollis ordinance conflict update (Paul) Police Chief said too strict. Needs to be less strict. (Tabled until March when Paul gets back)

- No Motorized Wheeled Vehicles Signs – vote to order more (Charlie)

Talk about placing signs. Where they should go? How many? Size? \$120 each.

Signs have not been working and the committee doesn't see the need to buy new ones. Charlie will go for a trail walk to find points of aces. Ray and Bob will give Charlie signs that they receive for the snowmobile committee

- Status of securing the bench at Bench at Moose Pond (Ray)  
Ray completed this project. Looks great

Ray updated that the bench has not been tampered with and is looking good.

- Fencing the trees so the beavers can't get to them - update- did we have someone volunteer for this? Reconsider this issue as a no.
- Trail adopters:( Linda/Charlie) on getting more trail adopters for each area - Tim's suggestion of a training session Update-

Linda suggests we incorporate the trail spreadsheet. This will help keep track of volunteer hours spent and for documentation of work

- *Mike quote to move boulders (Paul)*
  - 1) *Move boulders in the Gumpas Conservation Area at the intersection of the blue "Beaver Pond Loop" trail and white "Long" trail. These are relatively close to the gate in the Hinds lane parking area.*
  - 2) *Move boulders in the Cutler Spalding CA at the intersection of the blue trail and the Class A trail section of Spaulding Hill road.*
  - 3) *Move boulders on Lannan and Spring Street if Ray Brunelle has not already done so.*
  - 4) *Move boulders and install two 6" by 6" pressure treated posts at the entrance to the Little Island Pond CA at the end of Nature's Way. The posts should be set so as to allow volunteers to install a 10' wide farm gate*

\$1300.00

Vote: Charlie motions to table until March until Paul comes back.

Mary Second

3-0-0

- Gates

Tim suggests we decide on where we need the gates so when the boulders are moved, we have gates ready to be installed. James Fisher wants a gate code. We explained

that only gates on private property are given to the land owner. If the gate is on town property, then the abutting owners will not receive the gate code.

- OHRV committee progress update ( Jason-Bob)

Jason- No meeting since September.

Paul suggested asking Fish and Game and private land. may be worth exploring.

-Update-

Bob – No update

- Vote on December's meeting minutes

Charlie motion

Bob second

3-0-0

- Adjourn 9:03pm

Charlie motioned

Bob Second

3-0-0