



TOWN OF PELHAM

6 Village Green
Pelham, NH 03076

PELHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

MONDAY
01/22/24
7:04PM-8:52pm

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

Attendance

Committee Members – Quorum met.

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

Start of Meeting – 7:01PM Pledge of Allegiance

December 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Minutes approved for FC meeting on 12/18/23. Paul G motion, Ray B second.
(Vote: Yes - 5 & No -0).

Open Forum:

James Fisher – Quick presentation on the history of the American Chestnut tree. His goal would be to bring it back to Pelham. He is working on spearheading his idea and eventually present to FC, CC & Ag Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Yvonne La-Garde - Counsel on Aging – Motion by Bob L to lay question to table. Ray B second. (Vote Yes 2 & No -3) – Motion Failed

Motion by Linda to allow Community Trails Coalition to add Forestry Link to their website. Paul G second. (Vote Yes 3, No -1, Abstained - 1) – Motion Passed

Moose Pond/Quarry Lots/Calitri Forest Mgmt. Plan –

- Nick Spanos asked about potentially mowing the old landing(s) that were used for logging so they would not grow to early succession forests which could make it more difficult when we come to do a future timber harvest. Paul G stated he never thought of that prior and that a side benefit would that it could create a more field habitat if we mowed only every three years. Paul committed to speaking with Eric about this idea.

- Paul G to connect with Eric about some mowing / bushhogging schedule.

- Where/when to spray for invasives.

Motion by Paul G to three (3) proposed action items. Spraying Plan, Timber Harvest Plan & Management Plan in 2024. Bob L second. (Vote Yes 5, No -0) – Motion Passed



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Spring Street Bridge – Paul G met with Luke Hurley. He felt a simple permit (PBN) would be needed. Paul G stated that if the PBN permit was issued you would not require one again if future repairs/replacement are needed. In working on the PBN he ran into a snag on answering one of the questions and would consult with Luke and follow up with the FC. No Motions

Hike Challenge Update – Currently we have 47 hikers who completed the hike challenge. There was 1 new person who was from White River Junction Vermont. Motion by Linda to spend no more than \$500.00 on 60 additional patches. Ray B second. (Vote Yes 5, No -0) – Motion Passed

Spaulding Hill Permit Update - Paul G update that DES had asked Luke to study the entire watershed and show that the culverts were sized appropriately. Luke contacted Peter Zohdi to get the watershed study completed. Luke is a wetlands scientist, not an engineer, therefore he contacted Peter Zohdi's office which has engineers who can get that completed – No motions at this time.

2024 Financial Picture – In the town fund at the time of our meeting we have \$5,821.82 available. In the trust fund at the time of our meeting we have \$83,557.72. Motion by Paul G to transfer \$10,000 from trustees of the trust to the Forestry Funds. Bob L second. (Vote Yes 5, No -0) – Motion Passed
Chair Mike G to reach out to confirm this is doable.

Walk-In Items:

Paul G – Reminded Chair to have \$40 check sent to him for gravel he purchased.

Linda – Asked about meeting minutes & trail work at Gumpus.

Bob L – Bob L talked about all the work he had done and coordinated with others. He brought up an area he felt would be ideal for a gate. A gate big enough to allow a fire truck through. He was going to get a quote(s) for a future meeting.

Mike G – Gave his input from the missing/stolen signs in the Gumpus area. In a meeting he had with the Town Manager it was mentioned signs with Police insignia are sought after & likely why they are getting stolen. He also mentioned the three (3) gates on the Class A trail are all locked with a combination lock and with chains. He has notified the BOS, Police, Fire and Town Manager of the codes. In his email he asked that all abutters be given the codes ASAP. Mike G also wanted to thank all the volunteers who have really worked hard doing fall / winter trail work. Special thanks to David Abare for his free equipment and donated time

Adjourn: 9:41PM

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