



FORESTRY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING

June 24, 2020

7:05 – 8:20 P.M.

Proposed Work on Kirby-Ivers Town Forest – update

Some work on bog bridge has been completed by volunteers – waiting for planking

Proposed Work on Peabody Town Forest – trail repairs – update

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Proposed Work on Costa Conservation Area – re-route or repair main trail

Consensus reached to repair main trail

Proposed Work on Merriam Farm – start “to do” list

Discussion of list of items that need to be completed:

Forest Management Plan – underway, waiting for completion

Potential Wetland Permit – discussion of stream crossing and repair of existing bridge

Safety Committee – discussion of need for sign off and driveway permit for parking lot

Bridge – Highway Dept. should review safety of existing bridge stringers

NRPC – Needs to GPS trail route for new trail map

Abutter concerns – waiting for completion of Forest Management Plan



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Updates to Trail Maps for NRPC

Costa - New spur trail needs GPS and culverts need mapping for potential wetland permit needed for trail repair

Gumpus – Change designation of yellow trail to Tower Hill Road, Class VI Road; designate red trail from field to entrance to Musquash Swamp overlook as non-snowmobile

Wolven – Remove black trail from middle of field but keep black trail to benches

Security Matters

Gates – Fire and Police concerned about recent tampering, locks were re-keyed, Committee reminded that if emergency response was delayed due to tampering, officials would seek to prosecute individuals responsible

Trail Adopter Reports

Reports received for Peabody Town Forest, Merriam Cutter Conservation Area, Gumpus Pond Conservation Area and Cutler/Spalding/Long Trail

Review of Correspondence –

Dead Tree Issue – Referred to Highway Dept.

Wolven - poison ivy issue – requested Forester to review

Climate Adaption concerns – Forester working on report per recommendations by UNH Cooperative Extension



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Budget Update

Trail Supplies to be ordered; Invasives at Wolven to be scheduled for 2020;
6 Benches to be made by volunteers

Administrative Matters

Eric Radloff of Full Circle Forestry, LLC to remain as Town Forester

Addendum to PVMP Forest Management Plan – members to review

Members Present via Zoom Technology: Paul Gagnon, Charlie Gale, Gayle Plouffe, Deborah Waters

Robert Lamoureux – Listen Only – PTV

Adjourn: 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Deborah Waters, Chairman