



TOWN OF PELHAM

6 Village Green
Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE **MEETING MINUTES**

ONLINE VIRTUAL MEETING BROADCAST LIVE ON PTV AND YOUTUBE

August 20, 2020

7:00 P.M. – 8:03 P.M.

Work on Kirby-Ivers Town Forest – update

Volunteers have finished installing several bog bridges on the blue trail; further discussion of the need for fill at the entrance trail; entrance trail is overgrown and hard to maintain; decision made to move forward with ordering fill and scheduling a volunteer work event; thanks and appreciation expressed for all of the volunteers who assisted with bog bridge projects

Work on Peabody Town Forest – update

Volunteers have finished bog bridges on several trails; thanks and appreciation expressed for all of the volunteers who assisted

Work on Costa Conservation Area – update

Discussion of extensive work that is needed on the main trail as a result of OHRV damage; logistics for ordering trail repair material discussed; large amount of gravel needed along with geotextile material which will assist in stabilizing mud holes; 2 bridges needed; dead trees need to be cut and utilized on projects along the trail; work is slated for the fall



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Work on Merriam Farm – further work on “to do” list and update

Town Forester is working on management plan; discussion of GPS work done by NRPC on trail location; decision to mark trail ahead of parking lot installation; discussion of results of field evaluation with UNH Wildlife Specialist; mowing of field should be broken down into 3 parts and then mowing rotated so each part is mowed every 3 years; discussion of potential trail maintenance

Updates to Trail Maps for NRPC

Updates needed on Peabody Town Forest map and Moose Pond Town Forest map; further information needed before making a final decision on mapping changes

Trail Adopter Reports

Trail work is needed at Spring Street, Moose Pond, Calitri Town Forest corridor; additional trail markers needed and possible bridge repair

Discussion of 2021 Warrant Article

Decision to request \$35,000 from Forest Maintenance Account for 2021 warrant article; warrant article for town forest designation for newly acquired land to be added to Cutler-Spalding Conservation Area; unlikely revenues will be received in 2020, possibly in 2021; emergency reserve to be replenished, hazardous tree reserve to be established, all town forests need funding for various projects



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Review of Correspondence

Citizen reports ATV's are a problem on the Little Island Pond Conservation Area; ATV's shredded the ground cover and soil, leaving the roots of 2 pine trees exposed; trees were weakened and fell down

Trail volunteer reported trail confusion by hikers who requested directions to Sherburne Road; suggestion signage at the junction of the blue trail and Long Trail with directional signs and mileage; signs to be ordered

Town Forester reports while conducting the field work on Merriam Farm Town Forest, he noticed possible early stages of herbicide related plant mortality stemming from the cul-de-sac at Moonshadow Drive and along some of the field edges; will not know if it was a herbicide kill until later this fall or next year; if true, this would be an unauthorized application of herbicide on a conservation area

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

Selectmen's Rep Present: Jaie Bergeron

Member Absent: Bob Lamoureux

Adjorn: 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by Deborah Waters, Chairman