



**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

January 25, 2021

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Proposal to expand trail at Gumpus Pond Conservation Area – Discussion of Eagle Scout project to make a spur trail near a glacial erratic on the blue trail. Project involves building a small foot bridge to replace in log that is degrading. Map from NRPC showing data for suitability for trail locations shows area is in the “red” zone or a zone not recommended for trail location due to high impact on wildlife; discussion of issues; an evaluation will need to be made to determine if a wetland permit will be required.

Merriam Farm Town Forest – update and “to do” list – Paul Gagnon met with the Safety Committee regarding the location of the parking lot on Mammoth Road; they will issue a letter indicating the location would not be a problem to traffic on Mammoth Road or the proposed round-about at the corner of Mammoth and Sherburne Road. Town Engineer is working on a driveway permit with the State of New Hampshire. Parking lot will be small, about the size of a large driveway and the existing gate will be retained for future use, if needed. Heritage Bureau Letter indicate rare species are in the vicinity of the property. A volunteer group will need to visit the property around May 15<sup>th</sup> to determine if a meadow species is present. If found, a plan will be proposed for the protection of the species.

Red Line Trail Program – Update – project is underway, volunteers have stepped forward to administer the program; description and spreadsheet started.



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Invasive Species Plan – Town Forester recommends the Forestry Committee formulate a plan to address invasive species on town forests; consensus that Town Forester should recommended timing and location of work; several areas will be done yearly, to prevent a large expense; further information needed from Town Forester.

Trail Adopter Reports – several reports of downed trees, taken care of by volunteers or Alpha Tractor Works.

Correspondence Review – Letter from Meridian Land Services, Wetland Scientist with results of site walk at Merriam Farm Town Forest.

Budget Update – New spreadsheet for 2021 started.

Administrative Matters – Discussion of gates vs. boulders for town forest security; further discussion needed.

Members present via Zoom: Paul Gagnon, Charlie Gale, Deborah Waters, Gayle Plouffe (arrived at 7:30 pm) / Bob Lamoureux watching via PTV

Adjourn: 7:59 p.m.

*Submitted by Deborah Waters, Chairman*