



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA/ Meeting Notes

June 27, 2022

7pm-9pm

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

Public meeting

Attendance

Linda Irish-Simpson
Chris Gallagher
Ray Brunelle
Stefenie Cote
Nick Spanos
Max Quinn

Bob Lamoureux
Paul Gagnon
Gayle Plouffe
Charlie Gale
Mary Hathaway

Deb Waters (Forestry Advisor)
Jay Croteau (Forestry Liaison)

Meeting start time : 7:05pm

- Open forum-
No public present

- Open forum - email (Charlie)

Blue trail damage, wolverine shell cases, costa, ATV made an entry point. . Little island pond, atv tracks.

Guest- Donna Clark to speak about horseback riding in Peabody and the dangerous risks of mixing horses and OHRV

Donna did not make it to the meeting. Deb spoke on her behalf.

Old projects-

- Age friendly trails- Deb/Chris

Wolven is nearly done, just need to add the bench

- Little island pond age friendly trails- voted to spend \$500.00- update (Deb)
2/3 done. Still working on it.

Sarah suggested the senior center will form a trail work club to help maintain the senior friendly trails.

- Highway depo- Bob was going to reach out to the selectmen and have highway help repair the old class 6.

Bob received the ok from selectmen

- Beaver trapping- Beavers are still an issue at gumpus. (Charlie)

Beavers are still very active despite the trapping efforts. Charlie will reach out to him to ask his advice.

- Merriam Farm- Almost done-Update (Paul)

Timber harvest is done.

Parking lot, kios and bridge is done. They will be putting the gate at the end of Moonshadow
Chris and Charlie helped Brian Zahn to smooth out the new trails. Chris will finish marking the trails and install the posts next week.

Chris suggests having a site walk as a committee for us to decide where to put the 3 benches.
July 11th at 4pm.

Chris has an appointment with Ryan Freidman of NRPC July 13th to have the trail GPS tracking done so maps can be created.

Chris suggests an open house.

- James Fisher's wall repair update- (Paul)

Mathew told Paul he would take care of the rocks.

- Snowmobile bridge Moose Pond estimate - (Nick)

M&D Power and services- \$2,880.00 can start the week of July 4th

Deb suggests having the trail marked and mapped and adding a bench to view the dam.

Paul motioned not to exceed 3k. And to add Deb's idea about the trail bench and adding this trail to our maps..

Bob second.

3-0-0

Ray volunteered to find a good spot to put the bench.

Jason volunteered his guy to make the bench for the cost of wood.

- Trail walk with Ted- (Chris)

About 8 people joined the walk. It was a great walk. Saw lots of wildlife. Ted was really pleased to see the habitat doing so well. Ted is very knowledgeable and shared a lot with the group. Suggested controlled burning.

- Process for handling shooting complaints in Town forests, possible Town Ordinance. (Chris)

Shooting complaints at Wolven Park. Chris suggests having the selectmen create an ordinance to state (No discharge or firearms in conservation areas.) Jay C said he will take it to the selectmen.

- Forest Management Plans & Harvests to be scheduled.(Paul/Chris)

Explained the harvest plan and management plan schedules..

- Trail hike challenge bookmark (Linda)

Carloyn Thompson from Pelham Library created a hike challenge bookmark.

Likda will reach out to the middle school about the hike club and introduce the hike challenge to them.

- Vote subcommittee openings

Max has done a ton of work on the trails with Deb.

Bob motions to have 7 members on the subcommittee

Paul second

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Max 3 year 2025

Nick 3 year 2025

Tim 2 year 2024

Ray 2 year 2024

Existing subcommittee

Chris- 2024

Stefenie- 2023

Linda - 2023

Charlie motioned to adjourn,

Bob second

Adjourn: 8:45pm

Reminders-

Trail walk at Merriam Farm July 11, at 4pm

Next forestry meeting July 25, 7pm

