



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA and MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2021

7pm-9pm

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

Public meeting

Meeting start time 7pm

Meeting Adjourn 9:08pm

Attendance:

Paul Gagnon

Charlie Gale

Chris Gallaher

Linda Irish-Simpson

Nick Spanos

Mary Hathaway

Deb Waters

Jaie Bergeron

November agenda:

Public and email open forum (Charlie)

No public members in the building.

Many citizens are unhappy with illegal truck, jeep and other motorized actions in many locations, that include Gumpus, Merriam Cutter, Cutter Spaulding. Charlie will inform those citizens to phone the police on the non emergency line, so the police can take notice.

Trail adopter update (Charlie)

Many of the town's trails are getting destroyed by atv/motorized vehicle action.

Volunteers are doing their best to keep up with damage repair.

Costa sign repair update (Nick and Ray)

The sign is in rough shape and had a colony of ants living in the foam. Nick and Ray are in the process of the repair. Nick brought in invoices for Chris and will be reimbursed for the materials.

Moose Pond bridge update (Ray+Nick) Trail walk inspection of bridge and dam update. Volunteer to take this on as trail adopters and follow the “Best Management Practices for Dam Maintenance” prepared by NHDES provided by Deb Waters

Plywood is bought, receipts will be submitted to Chris for reimbursement. Nick and Ray are hoping to get the plywood secured to the bridge within the next week or so and start the clean up project. This project will include picking up the trash on the sides of the trail and bringing it to the dump, and the dam maintenance clean up.

Fire Department subcommittee update (Jaie)

Jaie informed us that the BOS is still working with the police and fire to put together the subcommittee. This subcommittee will deal with issues such as the future of certain class VI roads, keeping motorized vehicles off the town forest trails and wetlands.

Gate proposal to fire chief update (Paul and Charlie)

Paul and Charlie received positive vibes from the Police and fire chiefs regarding gates.

The proposal is to add 2 gates.

One, at the junction of Tower Hill Rd and the Blue trail, on the Blue trail side, not to block the class 6 road.

The second, at the junction of Spaulding Hill Rd and the Blue trail, on the blue trail side not to block the class 6 road.

The Fire Chief seems to be in favor of this plan. A Pelham firefighter named Nick, will be putting together safety plans for all of the town's forests to work with forestry to put a plan together for the best and safest execution of this proposed plan.

The gate project will be approximately \$6,000.00 for the two gates.

Paul motioned in favor of the \$6,000.00 expense, Charlie second. All in favor 3-0-0. Motion passed.

The police chief mentioned the use of security cameras in a few locations, including Kirby Ivers.

Moose Pond/ Dena update (Charlie)

Dena retested the water sample. The results came back high in cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms. Charlie will continue to monitor this bacteria growth and keep the town informed with the results.

- **FaceBook horse rider : Nov/8/21 walk and talk with Kim: Tim will open the entrance to 30” and try to make a clear path way next to the bridge for the horse.**

Attended the “walk and Talk” Paul G, Charlie G, Chris G, Deb W, Mary H, Tim K.

Tim moved the wall to be 30” wide for Kim’s horse to ride through.

- **Wolven Park wall damage**

Tim has repaired this wall entrance many times. Paul and Tim visited this wall today 11/22/21.

Tim rebuilt the wall once again. Paul will contact the police chief tomorrow, 11/23.21 to request that this area is on the patrol list. Someone keeps vandalizing this area.

- **Bolder block list -Deb to provide list- quote from Mike Taylor to move boulders before and after snowmobile season.**

This bolder block list has been provided. We are still awaiting a quote from Mike Taylor to move the boulders..

- **Hike challenge update (Linda)**

The challenge is going strong. So far 11 humans and one dog have completed this challenge!

- **Signs to keep out wheeled motorized vehicles**

Charlie motioned in favor for the signs to be made and purchased by the forestry committee, pending P.D approval of wording and such. There will be 12 signs at \$81.00 each, for a total of \$972.00.

Paul second this motion. All in favor 3-0-0. Motion passes.

- **Eric Radlof- Timber Harvest update**

Work is expected to start the 3rd week of December 2021.

Gross revenue is estimated to be around 20 to 25 thousand dollars. -17% that goes to the company doing the work(Full Circle Forestry) The majority of the proceeds from the timber harvest will go right back into the project in the form of a parking lot, bridge and a gate at the end of Moonshadow. The total for all three jobs will average around \$13,000.00.

Paul motioned in favor to spend \$10,000.00 of the timber harvest proceeds for the parking lot and bridge. The work will be done by Full Circle Forestry.

Mary second. All in favor, 3-0-0. Motion passes.

- Next Trail meeting will be held Monday December 6th.
Time 4pm : Place to be determined.

Agenda for December 27th 2021

Open forum-in person or online (Charlie)

Danielle from Planning Board

Trail adopter update (Charlie)

Costa sign repair update (Nick/Ray)

Moose Pond Bridge update, trash, and dam management update (Nick/Ray)

Fire and police update regarding gate and camera support (Paul Charlie)

Police patrol at Wolven Park update (Paul/Charlie)

Hike challenge update (Linda)