



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA/ Meeting minutes

May 23, 2022

7pm-9pm

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

Public meeting

Open: 7pm

Adjourn: 9:03

Attendance:

Charlie Gale
Paul Gagnon
Gale Plouffe
Bob Lamoureux
Chris Gallagher
RayBrunelle
Nick Spanos
Mary Hathaway

Advisor: Deb Waters
Forestry Liaison: Jay Croteau

Open Forum to the public-

- James Fisher-

Reclassification issues of the class 6 roads turning into class A trails. Upset about the classification change. Upset about the gates, the committee moved the gate to the place James asked. Upset about the camera, but we have no control over the cameras, that is up to the police dpt. Upset that he did not get the gate code. Paul gave James the gate code. James is under the impression a forestry member is responsible for moving the stones off the walls. Charlie did not move stones, nor did Charlie ask the contractor to remove stones. Want's Charlie removed from the forestry committee. / We are not voting Charlie off the committee Paul

and Charlie volunteered to help fix the wall. That does not satisfy James, he wants Charlie to resign from the committee.

Paul proposes to spend money for the wall.

The committee all agrees that we need to be more mindful of walls and stones and the artifacts/history of our town forests.

- John Picard

Asking where he can go to drive his truck off roading.

Chris informed John that forestry was not the deciding factor to close the roads. He needs to talk to the selectmen, fire and police. Forestry is only concerned with managing the forests.

Open Forum Via email- Charlie-

- Blue trail at Peabody is torn up. Wet area.- Charlie

Discuss update on recently finished projects and projects in process

- Deb, Chris, Tim, Charlie and Max- working on an age friendly trail at Woven.

Finished handrails.

Last step is installing rope

- Bob waiting to hear back from the Highway Dept, Selectmen to fix the newly classified class A trails
Jason Croteau stated he believes the Selectmen are willing to work with Conservation and Forestry to fix the trail.

- Beaver dam trapping.

The 2 week trapping has stopped. Things seem to be better at Gumpus.

We need to discuss whether or not we continue trapping/ or disturb the beaver dam. We tabled trapping for the time being.

- Merriam Farm Conservation timber harvest.

Timber harvest is done.

June goals- Parking lot, gate at the end of Moon Shadow, bridge to be rebuilt.

Merriam Farm sign. Cost for 2-sided sign \$800, frame \$400, kiosk \$700. Est. total \$2,000.

Bob motioned to vote not to exceed 2k

Paul seconded motion

All in favor 5-0-0

Motion Passed

- Mowing update from Eric Radlof for Merriam Farm and Cutter field
Rough est amount \$1,250 to \$1,750. Per day (once a year will suffice)

- Gate cameras are installed on Spaulding Hill Rd. & Tower Hill Rd.
The cameras are installed and are being monitored by the Pelham Police Dept..
We needed to upgrade the picture package because we get lots of motion.
We have 2 cameras with photo upgrades.

First camera upgrade invoice # 240EA955-0001 paid May 16, 2022= \$120.00

Second camera upgrade invoice # 240Ea955-0002 paid May 16, 2022= \$120.00

New Projects

- Paul motions to rent a small kubota (\$1,000) to fix James Fisher's stone wall.
Mary second motion to spend \$1k to fix the wall.

5-0-0

Motion passes to fix the wall.

- Chris is working on Merriam Farm trail markings and metal posts to mark trails.
Chris to investigate the cost of posts and trail markers required.

- Deb is working on repairing a tree farm sign at Gumpus Pond as the post has rotted. No cost, just need a volunteer to install the post and move the sign.
Deb volunteered to fix the sign post by using the remaining post from another project..

- Deb met with Doreen at the senior center.
Met at Little Island Pond. Small trails and room for the senior bus make a great senior area to watch birds.

The senior center has 6 tasks that include the trail. Deb is working on that. The cost should not exceed \$500.00

Paul motioned to vote yes not to exceed \$500.00

Mary second

4-0-1

Motion passed

- Snowmobile bridge repair at Moose pond
Nick volunteered to get an estimate to fix the bridge.
- Bob volunteered to be part of the OHRV Committee.
- Review subcommittee applications
Mary will email applicants to interview at our June meeting.
- No trail walk initiated at this time. I suggest we walk at Wolgen to see the new Senior friendly trails.
- Next meeting:
June 27th 7pm Sherborn Hall