



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING AGENDA/Meeting Minutes**

October 26th, 2022

7pm-9pm

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

Public meeting

Paul Gagnon  
Bob Lamoureux  
Charlie Gale  
Mary Hathaway  
Chris Gallager  
Linda Irish-Simpson  
Nick Spanos  
Tim Kennedy

Deb Waters: Forestry Advisor

**Reminder:** No November meeting. Next meeting will be held Wednesday December 7th 2022 7pm at Sherburne Hall

- Open forum- Public-  
No public attendance

- Open forum-email ( Charlie)  
Gate left open at Peabody Town Forest. Chaile went down and saw that it was locked and secure. Trail adopter stated trail markers were ripped down, trail adopter fixed this problem. Thank you Peabody Trail adopter.

ATV access on the red trail at Gumpas Pond. Charlie assessed where the atvs are coming in from and sees spots from Tower Hill and Hinds Lane

- Pelham Blue Bird Society update-  
10 are up at Merriam Farm.

- Old class 6 road repair  
Paul and Jason's plan:

Project is done and looks great-Update (Paul)

Made the class A trails more passable for fire trucks for safety.

- Ordinance to make target practice illegal in the town forests  
Update- (Paul)

Paul to request at the selectmen's meeting Tuesday November 1st. Paul will give us an update at our December meeting.

- Five Easy Walks in the Woods Update – Age Friendly Trails (Deb)
  1. Wolven- Complete
  2. Little Island Pond- Complete
  3. Costa- Almost Complete - bench, signage and bridge ramps still to be done
  4. Merriam Farm- Complete
  5. Gumpas Pond- Blue trail loop- Needs some work.

Age Friendly Trail Proposal – Gumpus Blue Trail Loop (Deb)

Need more work in 2 places with water bars to help slow down the erosion which is causing a significant divot on the trail, making it challenging for senior hikers. Deb proposed a new water bar idea to help correct the erosion depression.

Deb has the volunteers for the work.

Materials for this project is to be determined.

Project to be started in 2023

Proposes 2 new benches around the beaver pond.

Tim believes this project may be a bit pricey. Tim will work very closely with Deb to help assess the work, materials and execution on this project

Paul motioned support of funding Deb's efforts to make the Gumpus trail an age friendly "easy walk" trail, and the work at Wolven.

- Revision of Merriam Cutter Forest Management Plan (Deb)

Deb advises the committee that adding the deeds to our town forestry management plans to make deed referencing easier for our committee for years to come. These deeds are public knowledge, we are simply just adding the deed to the town forests file. Deb wants to add a language change to the Merriam Cutter Forest's management plan to say, "Copies of the three deed restrictions are attached." This lets the public see that the parcel was voted in as a Town Forest in 2006 and 2008. This allows the public and committee members to see the updates and history of each town forest.

Paul motioned to support Deb to move forward with this

Charlie 2nd

Motion passed: 4-0-0

- Wolven – Rare plant –NH Natural Heritage Bureau (Deb)

3 rare plants identified.

Deb worked with the NH Natural Heritage Bureau resources - They recommended a plan to improve the habitat of one in particular rare plant species along the gas lines: The Bird Foot Violet.

Plan is to : Clear out some of the brush that is encroaching this rare plant to give the plant more room to grow. Work will be done by volunteers in November 2023

-All committee members in agreement of this project-

- Wolven- Trail damage with camera as a solution (Deb)

Wolven has had constant dirt bike damage. 4 police reports have been filed because of the dirt bike and vandalism.

Solution: Deb proposes to use a camera for the police to monitor.

Paul propose to move one or two gate camera/s instead of buying a new camera-

All committee members agreed to this plan

- Moonshadow Dr- no blocking gate/parking sign update (Nick)

Nick was not sure what kind of sign to get. We cleared up the confusion tonight. Nick will find a sign this week.

- Hiker Challenge update (Linda)

22 people completed challenge

Merriam Farm has been added to the challenge

Bob suggests to let the Middle school and high school know about this

- Class V1 to Class A map change ( Linda)

Linda had NRPC updat the maps to have the old class 6 roads renamed as class A trails.

- Status of securing the bench at Bench at Moose Pond (Ray)

Ray is absent. He will fill us in December

- Proposal to make Kleczkowski land a town forest (Paul)

Paul proposes to add the 35+ as a town forest. Paul Proposes to draft a warrant article

Paul- motion to submit the warrant article

Charlie second

4-0-0

- Timber harvest of 30 acres located North of Sherburne Rd :(Paul)

Mary signed the papers this week. Eric will be working on this harvest as soon as possible. Should be completed by the end of 2022.

- Spraying for invasive species update (Paul)

Done by Eric Radlof- Town Forester

- Beaver trapping - Update (Charlie)

Derek completed 1+ weeks. Because of the bad weather, Derek only charged the forestry committee for one week. Derek caught- 5 beaver  
Derek plans for one more week in November 2022- update in December-

- Merriam Farm Opening (Chris)

It was a huge success. Thank you Chris, all forestry volunteers, trail adopters/volunteers, Senior Center, Bluebird society, Pelham Police and Scout Troop 610, for all your hard work!

- Vote in September meeting minutes

Paul motioned

Mary second

4-0-0

Bob motioned to Adjourn: 8:32pm

Charlie second

4-0-0

