



TOWN OF PELHAM 6 Village Green Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA+Meeting minutes

September 28, 2022

7pm-9pm

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

Public meeting

Attendance-

Tim Kennedy

Deb Waters- Forestry Advisor

Max Quinn

Ray Brunelle

Nick Spanos

Bob Lamoureux

Charlie Gale

Mary Hathaway

- Meeting Start:7pm
- Open forum- Public
 - No public attendance
- Open forum-email (Charlie)
 - No emails off agenda topics
- Pelham Blue Bird Society – Presentation (Roger Montbleu and Charity Willis)

-Wants to build a Bluebird trail by putting bluebird houses up in Merriam Farm
- Has vast education on the domino effect of how nature is affected by human progress.
-The bluebirds are hard to find and they want to help populate the bluebirds.
-They are hoping to work with the local scouts from the town as an Eagle project.
-Bluebirds need to be monitored and helped- They are hoping to have that help from the seniors at the senior center.
-Adopt a house program- 25 to 30 houses about \$20 a house not including the post or name plate.
Bob motioned to donate \$600 to get them started
Second- Charlie
3-0-0

- Old class 6 road repair (Jason)

Paul and Jason's plan:

By my estimate, we need about 140 cubic yards of material. That's about 10 loads with a 10 wheeler. Relatively fine processed gravel should be good for the majority of the work, since we are simply filling in ruts made by vehicles driving over wet ground. And, there should be no heavy traffic on these roads in the future. But, at the beaver dam, I suggest we set two culverts. We have two 10" by 10' culverts available at no cost. After setting the two culverts, it may be better to spread rip rap, then cover it with fabric, which is also available at no cost, then cover that with the fine processed gravel. I can deliver the two culverts and the fabric to the site. Jason, does your gravel supplier have access to rip rap as well as the fine processed gravel? My guess is we would need 3 or 4 loads of rip rap.

Here is a proposed schedule and plan of work ...

- 1) Monday, October 3rd, I can deliver the culverts and fabric to the beaver dam. I can also cut any small trees and low branches that will hit the dump truck. Jason, as discussed, I would like to borrow your gas powered limb saw for this work. I have a chain saw.
- 2) Tuesday, October 4th; Jason will deliver a skid steer and a Kubota to the end of Gowing Road, in Hudson. The skid steer will spread the gravel delivered on a 10 wheeler. The 10 wheeler will start by dumping gravel at the two long rutted sections of Tower Hill road, then work on the rutted sections

of Spaulding Hill road. In the meantime, Brian Zahn and I will use the backhoe to set two culverts at the beaver dam on Spaulding Hill road.

3) Wednesday, October 5th. The 10 wheeler will begin dumping material in the log landing because it may not be able to drive far enough down Spaulding Hill road to dump. One of us will operate the Kubota and fill a 6 wheeled dump truck which Jason will also supply. This "1 ton" dump truck will deliver loads of material to Spaulding Hill road to be spread by the skid steer. I will do any hand work needed. We will likely need the rip rap on this day.

4) Thursday, October 6th. Hopefully, the 10 wheeler has delivered all the material we need and we can move the remaining material to the beaver dam with the 1 ton and wrap up the job.

- Ordinance to make target practice illegal in the town forests- (Jason)
Jason was unable to come, and will fill the committee in via-email.
Will be updated at the October meeting
- Merriam Farm Opening (Chris) – (Deb)
-October 16th-1-3:30pm Mammoth rd.
-Guided walk tours with members of forestry
-Parking at Pelham Veterans Memorial Park. Crossing Mammoth Rd provided by Pelham Police Department
- Revisions to Gumpus Pond Conservation Area Management Plan (Deb)
-Add to the forestry management plan info on the deed, boundary plan survey, Two warrant articles and the successional habitat map.
Motion- Charlie
Second- Bob
3-0-0

- Five Easy Walks in the Woods – Age Friendly Trails (Deb)
 - Deb is working on putting together a great flyer/pamphlet to advertise great easy sightseeing trails for all ages and abilities to enjoy. Asks us to keep an open mind in supporting this flyer/pamphlet. Deb will get more info and the committee will vote in October.

- Turtle pond sign update (Charlie)
 - A few signs have been put up about being mindful of the very cool and unique turtle crossing. There has been no further outreach from the community, so we are assuming/hoping the signs are working.

- Moonshadow Dr- no blocking gate/parking sign(Mary)
 - Home depot sign No parking on the gate-
 - Charlie motioned in favor
 - Mary second
 - Vote:3-0-0
 - Nick volunteered to get the sign and install it on the gate at the end of Moonshadow Dr.
 - We are hoping that after the sign is exposed at the opening on October 16th, the public will be more aware of the preferred parking area on Mammoth Rd

- Trail challenge update (Linda)-
 - Sick, will fill us in next month

- Class V1 to Class A map change (Linda)
 - Sick- will fill us in next month

- Status of Bench at Moose Pond (Ray)
 - Bench is made and ready to be placed. Looking for anchoring feedback so the bench does not get destroyed.

- Vote- Spraying for invasive species
 - Charlie motioned in favor of Eric's professional plan and explanations of our questions that was sent to all of us on the committee+sub
 - Second Mary
 - 2-1-0

- Vote- Beaver trapping -
 - Fall trapping to continue for 2 weeks
 - Charlie motioned
 - Bob second
 - 3-0-0

Adjourn motion: Charlie at 8:30pm
Bob second