



Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2018

- Approved 4/12/18 -

Present: Pat Mainer (Chair), Brent Francis, Chris Haviland, Steve Russell, Corinne Johansson, Stewart Pierson, and Darren Johnson

Absent: Aaron Townsend

Guests: Alan Matthews, Jon Trefry

Call to Order

Pat called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 11, 2018.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Public Comment

None

Presentation

Shiitake mushrooms. Alan Matthews made a presentation on the feasibility of growing Shiitake mushrooms in the HTF or using logs harvested from HTF in a community based shiitake cultivation program. Committee members enquired about suggested placement of the “laying yard.” Use of the LHTF was suggested. Involvement on the part of the Hinesburg Community School and CVU was suggested. Alan would like to know if/when he could put the application in to UVM for the Community Based Projects program. Further discussion at forthcoming meetings was suggested.

Discussion/Approval of December 14, 2017 Minutes

Steve moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2017. Chris seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Brent reported that there is a total of \$3,411.20 in the HTF accounts which includes \$887.61 in the FY2017 Annual Budget, and \$2,523.59 in the Reserve Account (from Log Sales).

Updates

- **Election of Officers:** Pat was nominated to continue as Chair. Chris volunteered to continue as Secretary. Stewart volunteered to serve as Treasurer. Darren volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair. Steve moved to approve the slate of officers, Chris seconded, were approved unanimously.
- **Boundary Marking:** Steve contacted Kathleen Stutzman from VT Family Forestry. She will obtain a map and calculate the distance around the forest boundary. Pat reported that Ethan Tapper recommended Longmeadow Resource Management for the job since they have recent experience marking trees. Pat will check with Mike to see if he has paint at his house.
- **Inventory and Assessment Community Presentation:** Corinne will contact Ethan Tapper and Harris Roen to find out how much time would be required for a presentation. Discussion of publicizing the community presentation. Jon Trefry offered to write up a draft public notice. Corinne and Darren will work on the agenda with Jon.
- **Signs:** Brent attempted to contact highway dept. and has not heard back. Topic moved to next meeting.
- **Donation to FOTW:** Postpone to next meeting
- **Advertising on Kiosks:** Postpone to next meeting
- **HTF Southern Boundary Discrepancy:** Postpone to next meeting
- **Proposal for UVM Students:** The “pitch” is next week. Report at next meeting.

New Business

- **2018 LHTF Tree Planting:** Pat reports that Winooski Valley Conservation District is looking to do more planting in Laplatte Headwaters next spring.
- **Hinesburg Record Request:** The Record requested an article for each issue on the activities of the HTF committee

Next Meeting

March 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Lowest level conference room

Adjournment

Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland