



Town Forest Committee

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Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2018

- Approved 5/10/18 -

Present: Brent Francis, Darren Johnson, Pat Mainer, Stewart Pierson, Jon Trefry, Corrine Johansson

Changes to the Agenda

Pat noted that since the agenda had been published Peter Carpe was scheduled for 7:00 and Ben Johnson for 7:15. A program at Carpenter Carse library was added to the agenda under New Business.

Public Comment

None

Metal Detecting in the HTF

Peter Carpe did not attend.

Del's Ride

Ben Johnson explained the event, which is now in its fifth year. Committee members voted to approve the event to be held on Sept 9, 2018

Approval of January 11, 2018 Minutes

Dell's Ride: Pat noted that Jon Trefry was present as a guest at that meeting. Those present then approved the minutes as corrected. Approval for this event was granted.

Approval of the March 21 Public Hearing Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

According to Stewart, the Town Office reports a balance of \$1,252 in the annual budget and \$929 the capital fund. Questions about these balances remain. Committee members believe \$269 has also been spent and should reduce the fund balance. Pat and Brent will try to resolve this.

Updates

- **HTF Inventory and Assessment:** After discussion, Jon moved and Darren seconded that the Inventory and Assessment including the additional language on climate change and amphibian protection be sent to the Select Board for its approval as an addendum to the Hinesburg Town Forest management plan. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Recreation Study Grant:** Steering committee members reported that the process is moving along.
- **Signs:** Brent reported that the signs are in Missy's office. He may call on committee members to help put them up.
- **Advertising on the Kiosks:** After discussion those present agreed to offer the HBPA the option of putting one page advertisements in little holders on the sides of the kiosks (like the map holders), noting Hinesburg businesses that might be of interest to users of the Town Forests. The HBPA would be responsible for keeping the holders stocked.
- **Shittake Mushroom Project:** Stewart reported no news.
- **Proposal for UVM Students:** Pat said there were no takers this semester.
- **2018 LHTF Flood Plain Planting:** Those present voted to spend up to \$525 for protection sleeves for the new trees to be planted by the VYCC, most likely in the fall. We will reuse as many sleeves as feasible from the 2007 planting.

Discussion/Possible Spending Items

Boundary marking, a donation to FOTW, and the HTF southern boundary discrepancy were all briefly discussed, but no decisions were made.

New Business

- **CVU Student Project on the History of the HTF:** Pat reported that the students will do the interviews and create a trailer for their video this semester. Next semester's students will complete the project.
- **LHTF Management Plan:** Is overdue for an update.
- **Carpenter Carse Library Program:** Jill Andersen, the adult programming librarian has been in touch with Ethan and Pat about an evening program and walk in the fall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Stewart Pierson
pro tem