

WW Town Forest Committee Minutes
March 21, 2011
6:30 PM

Present: members Mark Nowlan (chair), Dennis Lemire, Rudy Gross, Dennis Conley, Laura Stillson, and Cathy Boedtker. Also in attendance: Glenn Seward, and Chris & Nancy Nesbitt.

- 1) Called to order at 6:45 PM (awaiting a quorum).
- 2) Minutes of February 21, 2011 not approved due to lack of minutes on table. To approve at next meeting.
- 3) Discussed compiled data from surveys at last public meeting & town meeting day. (Still collecting surveys until 3/31/11). Currently the order of importance is:

Hike/Jog/Snowshoe/Ski
Wildlife Habitat/Resource Protection
Mt. Biking
Bird Watching/Animal Tracking
Horseback Riding
Selective Harvesting
Hunting
Firewood
Hang Gliding
ATV
Target Shooting
Archery
Other (snowmobile)

It was determined that the top six would be given as our priority but the list will given in its entirety so that the forester could have a better understanding of scope. We will ask her opinion in regards to anything not already on our list that should be considered. Also ask her opinion as to long-term impacts of usage in the TF & of activities. Glenn will contact her and ask her to attend the next meeting. Glenn will contact Jason Ramussen from SWCRPC and ask him to attend as well.

- 4) Chris Nesbitt expressed concern about Town Forest not being conserved land. Stated he was surprised. He feels that the TF Committee should educate/communicate that information to all citizens of WW. Maybe consider an article in newspaper. TFC agrees that keeping all citizens abreast of new developments is important and that the new/updated website is a good vehicle for such. TF Committee also suggests that the selectboard entertain the idea of sending a newsletter to all taxpayers in WW to keep them abreast of all news (not just TF news).

- 5) Discussed getting our past minutes to Martha for posting on the website.

- 6) Discussed concerns over the muddy conditions on the roadway leading to the parking area at the Bicentennial Trailhead. TF Committee recommends to the selectboard that they close the road until mud season is over.

- 7) Dennis Lemire to design & estimate cost of kiosks. Rudy volunteered to take pictures and measurements of kiosk at Hartland Trails and give to Dennis as a template.

- 8) Next public forum meeting will probably be in mid – summer after forester has had time to compile some information.

- 9) Adjourned at 7:45 PM. Next meeting April 18, 2011, 6:30 PM at Story Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted
Cathy Boedtker