

West Windsor Town Forest Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the meeting February 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Members attending: Cathy Boedtke, Mark Nowlan, Dennis Conley, Dennis Lemire, Randy Perry, Rudy Gross, Ted Knox and Jim Lyall. Also in attendance: Jason Rasmussen from SWCRPC, Glenn Seward, Bruce Boedtke and 6 members of the general public.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

We discussed the process of the public forum to start at 7:00. Our primary purpose is to determine the priorities of the residents.

Discussion of preparation for Town Meeting. Jim Lyall will prepare a preliminary draft of the committee's presentation about the article asking for \$25,000 for an updated Town Forest Plan, and circulate it among committee members via email for additions and corrections. Mark will present the statement at the meeting, and also express the committee's support for the Mile Long Field purchase.

Jason Rasmussen presented the survey of use priorities to the small gallery (six) of townspeople attending the meeting. They and board members filled out survey forms.

There was discussion about Orange Lakes guests using the trails. Consensus: Guest should be allowed to use the trails, but we should discuss with OL how to provide information about conditions, hunting, trail closings, maps, etc. Glenn Seward pointed out that these discussions should wait until ownership questions can be cleared up. Meanwhile, we need to concentrate on the Town Forest trails and plan.

Results of the survey from this meeting:

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority: Hike/Jog/Snowshoe/Ski
2. Wildlife Habitat/ Natural Resource Preservation
3. Mountain Bicycling
4. Bird/Animal tracking
5. Firewood cutting
6. Selective Harvesting
7. Hunting

Amenities/Improvement Projects

1. Trailhead information Kiosks
2. Maintain scenic overlooks
- 2 (tie) Expand Parking
- 4 Preserve view from town
- 4 (tie) Picnic tables

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Lyall, secretary