

Minutes of Town Forest Committee meeting December 10th, 2012  
Story Memorial Hall

Members in attendance: Dennis Lemire, Laura Stillson, Rudy Gross, Cathy Boedtger and Jim Lyall

Public Attendees: None

Meeting called to order: 6:02 p.m.

Changes or Additions None

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Trail Report

Jim did some chainsawing of blow downs on his own time, but mostly stayed out of the forest for the hunters.

He reported that an article in Trail Runner highlights our trails, and they will be featured in April's Dirt Rag (a popular mountain biking magazine.)

Jim will do some blazing of trails when the weather allows.

Meeting day change The committee voted to change the monthly meeting day to the first Thursday of the month at 6:30.

Act250 issues - Cathy said that WWTFC should be handling the designing, permitting and construction of the upper 1/3 of the Bicentennial trail, rather than the Conservation Commission. We are currently planning on working together with the CC, utilizing their experience in grant writing. Laura will be representing the WWTFC and the committee will also be monitoring progress and granting final permission. No motion was made to alter that decision.

Horse Trail and Hunting signs Horse traffic will be monitored and routes and signs will be reconsidered in the spring. Signs forbidding horse traffic will be erected where it continues to occur on improper trails. If they are ignored, further action will be considered.

Budget

The WWTFC budget for next year was established as follows:

Trail Maintenance worker	\$6,000
Survey fund	2,500
Signage	700
Construction materials	1,500
Tools and equipment	300
Misc. Expenses	<u>300</u>
Total	\$11,300

Officers put off until January meeting.

Other Business

Town Forest policies and history will be posted on the website.

Ask select board for key to thermostat for when we meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Lyall, TFC Secretary