

Minutes of Town Forest Committee meeting December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Story Memorial Hall

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

Also present: Jason Rasmussen, Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon

Meeting called to order: 6:35 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Jason presented the draft of the Town Forest Management Plan for our comments and approval. For two hours the committee went over the document line by line, editing, adding and deleting content. The document will be the committee's guide to managing the property. Left out were specific recommendations that will later become part of the Town Forest Use Guidelines which will be developed by the committee to manage recreational uses by hikers, snowshoers, bicyclists, snowmobilers, skiers, equestrians and ATV riders.

ACT 250 application: Martha Harrison's time has been monopolized by TS Irene business, so the selectboard enlisted the services of the SWCRPC to help fill out the application. The application is nearly finished and ready for submittal.

Committee changes: Because the workload of this committee has expanded considerably, the Selectboard has decided to allow those members unwilling to commit the extra time to resign. Those interested in continuing have let their decision be known to the board. The board will appoint 5 members for one year beginning 1/1/2012. They will also be sending us rules and procedures for running the committee.

Glenn Seward presented the selectboard's suggested 2012 budget for the TF committee which proposes level funding from 2011 for the amount of \$25,000 to allow for expected costs of maintenance and improvements. This proposal was adopted by vote of the committee.

Cathy has started the committee's town report and forwarded it to Glenn. She will send us copies by the 16th.

Tom Kenyon discussed the possibility of the Conservation Commission buying a small piece of land that borders Bowers Rd., Bible Hill, Route 44 and Mill Brook. It currently has snowmobile trail on it, and could be considered for recreation uses similar to what we have in the town forest.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Lyall, Secretary