

Minutes of Town Forest Committee meeting June 18th, 2012
Story Memorial Hall

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

Also present: Arthur Steinberg, Karen Skalla, Frederica Steinberg arrived later.

Meeting called to order: 6:37 p.m.

Changes and additions:

SB meeting

Website update

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Discussion of horse trails:

We suggested that horses be limited to Gravel Pit Road, road to Kimball Farm Rd. Bicentennial to the quarry, Coronary and Mile Long Field. Access to the other side of the main stream to Home Again is not horse friendly. To make a loop, horses can return to the town forest parking lot via the trail below MLF, if we continue to maintain it. Meadowlark and Cathy's Crossing are horse friendly mid-summer on. At present, horse traffic is very light, and as bike traffic increases they expect to use these trails even less. We will mark the trails on the map that are horse accessible, and reassess the situation after a year of use.

Act 250 - no hearing is required. We should be getting the permit shortly.

- "No motorized vehicles" should be amended to include emergency and maintenance work.

Town Forest Policy - Discussion tabled until Act 250 approval.

Trails

Hold off on maps until we can mark horse trails. A few other minor changes. Push for a bridge on Last Mile. Cathy suggested that we move the Coronary bridge to Last Mile.

Signage. Town Forest signs - the committee voted to have the graphics supplier spruce up the trees and make the signs.

Selectboard Meeting - Cathy reported:

- They will have the gravel pit area cleaned up
- Town road extends to TF with unclear ROW. Town will be accepting the Giles property which can be used as a turn-around/ winter parking.
- Website - both Town Forest and Recreation tabs will be included.
- Trail maintenance vehicles or groups of 25+ should get Martha's approval
- a policy is needed on how this information is disseminated to committee, and how to deal with abusers.

Promotion:

Any promotion materials must be approved by the select board

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lyall, TFC Secretary