

West Windsor Town Forest Committee

Thursday, June 5, 2014

6:30 PM

Story Memorial Hall

Minutes

Attendance: Dennis Lemire, Rudy Gross, Laura Stillson and Jim Lyall, absent: Cathy Boedtker

1. **Call to Order:** 6:38
2. **Changes or Additions:** None
3. **Minutes of previous meetings approved**
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Trail Report** - Jim Lyall performed normal maintenance throughout May. Trails related to the RTP concencensus application were flagged. STAB had a trail day June 1st and worked on building Broadway on the resort property. The Student Conservation Association may send a crew in mid-June. Some signs have been pulled out, some replaced. STAB is working on a revised map with suggested routes.
6. **Discuss proposal for view clearing in town forest:** Jim and Laura looked at the top of South Ridge Run and felt that any significant tree removal would result in loss of sedge/ironwood environment that makes it so attractive. Some branch trimming will be done to open some small views. Top of Stairway to Heaven: view trimming was decided against because it would involve significant cutting of a rare grove of Butternut trees. The view to town above the quarry and across the ravine has not been looked at yet. Jim will look at possible clearing for a view on the Lynx trail.
7. **Status of town forest boundary survey per Glenn Seward.** A contract was awarded to Farnsworth Survey.
8. **Status of Selectboard's consultation with Town Counsel re: handicapped access to town forest:** No response from the attorney.
9. **Progress on Act 250 submission to state:** Communication seems to have broken down between TFC and Selectboard. Jim and Cathy will try to make it move forward.
10. **Other Business:** An email report was made of an ATV on the trails, and it was forwarded to the select board. They will consider drafting an ordinance about ATV's at their next meeting. **Consensus:** policy violations should be reported to select board for their action.
11. **Adjourned:** 7:20

Respectfully submitted, Jim Lyall, TFC Secretary