

## Minutes of Town Forest Committee Meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Committee Members in Attendance: Rudy Gross, Dennis Lemire, Jim Lyall, Laura Stillson

Public in Attendance: None

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting approved with the observation to include in the section regarding reclamation of gravel pit that Dennis was informed by Mike Spackman that the Town Crew has not been told to terminate dumping in the gravel pit.

Gravel Pit Reclamation -- Rudy Gross noted an email from Cathy Archibald indicating the Vermont Department of Transportation may perform an environmental review of the gravel pit in 2014 during their construction of the new entrance to Coaching Lane from Route 44. The materials removed from the construction may be used for the reclamation. The select board will keep the Town Forest Committee informed of the state's intention and their progress. Currently, the Town Forest Committee has deferred the reclamation to the authority of the Select Board.

Bicentennial Trail – No report due to weather.

Trail Report – Mainly maintenance performed. Jim Lyall had 3 days with volunteers on the new trail, Wind Up, then worked independently to continue improvement on beginner trail network. Jim indicated because of fluctuating spring conditions he has been, and will continue to, post updates of the current closed trails at the kiosks and General Store. In addition, he ties off closed trails with ribbons.

A motion was requested to construct a trail linking the General Store to the parking lot at Cunningham's via the Upper Route, such trail being described as: crossing the pedestrian bridge over the Mill Brook, winding up the grassy hill, traveling along the guard rails, crossing Hotel Road, continuing through the pines and ending at Cunningham's Parking lot. Rudy Gross requested an amendment to this motion to allow future pursuit of a lower route along the brook to provide snowmobile access. Motion and Amendment were approved.

Act 250 Amendment: Project Review sheet is next step, which is available from Jackie Carr. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate trails for ATV use for the purpose of mapping the trails in the Act 250 application, no final decision made. Rudy agreed to pick up the maps. Glenn Seward sent 24 questions for the Town Forest Committee to consider regarding the amendment to request ATV use. Committee chose to defer these questions until the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.