

Draft Minutes of Town Forest Committee meeting, November 6, 2014, Story Memorial Hall

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

Public Attendees: none

1. Meeting called to order: 6:35 p.m.
2. Cathy suggested that minutes be posted as "Draft Minutes", since they must be posted before the committee can approve them..
3. Minutes of the previous meetings were read, discussed and approved.
4. No public comment.
5. Trail Report: Jim reported that in addition to normal maintenance, he had completed the upper loop of Broadway and Fifth. Because the leaves were so late in falling, he will blow most of the trails in the spring when he has to pick up the winter wind fall anyway. Jim will add extra "CLOSED" signs at other access points besides the two main trail heads.
6. Definition of town forest responsibilities with town taking over resort property: This will become clearer over the next year or so as the process goes forward. We will also talk about possible events to organize.
7. Discuss budget for 2015. The town clerk provided us with details of the committee's 2014 expenditures and income, however, there were no numbers for the trail maintenance employee. Jim stated that he wanted to make it clear that town is not paying for all his work relative to the trails. So far in 2014, in addition to the work for the town, he has spent 403 hours on trails, maps and events for STAB, of which STAB paid him for 50 hours. He also spent 161 volunteer hours on Act250 amendments, grant applications and mapping support for the resort purchase. Budget discussion was tabled until next meeting when we can have more information.
8. Other business: None
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Lyall, TFC Secretary