

Minutes of Town Forest Committee meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Story Memorial Hall

Members in attendance: Rudy Gross, Dennis Lemire, Cathy Boedtker, Laura Stillson and Jim Lyall  
Also present: Jason Rasmussen, Glenn Seward, Deb Shearer

Meeting called to order: 5:48 p.m.

Use of the Town Forest for a group event was discussed and the following points were made:

- We should not charge for use, but can encourage donations.
- Donations could be made to the town or STAB, and the process needs to be discussed further.
- We need to establish protocol for requests to use the town forest for group events at the next meeting.

Dennis made a motion to approve use of Town Forest trails for the West Windsor 5 and Dime race on June 9th.  
It was seconded and approved.

Minutes for the January 16th meeting were approved.

Other Business:

- Cathy moved that we present budget details on the website. It was seconded and passed.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

A few townspeople arrived for the public presentation of the Town Forest Management Plan.

Jason Rasmussen of SWCRPC presented the plan, explaining that the purpose of the plan is to help the town in its management of the town forest. Maps were projected on the screen, and the written plan was summarized.

Public comments:

- The Glebe lot should be indicated on all maps.
- John Cocke: "Is STAB maintaining trails, paying for their maintenance or paying the town for use of the trails?" Glenn said that STAB built and maintained the trails and will help with maintenance, and "we're happy with that."
- Can public go in and cut firewood? Any cutting would be with TFC and forester's guidance.
- Rick White of Vt Dept of Forests Parks and Recreation said that District Forester, Jay Maciejowski reviewed the plan and made these comments:
  - It is well written.
  - It is good to limit activity above 1700 feet elevation, as we recommend.
  - We should be aware that the state has a 100 ft. wide easement through the town forest for the Weathersfield Trail.
- Deb Shearer: recommends having a picnic spot as an intermediate destination on the Bicentennial Trail

Laura Stillson asked if the TFM plan should be an appendix to the Town Plan, thus giving it more legal strength. Glenn felt this was a good idea. She also noted that the Planning Commission has a grant to develop a recreation part of the town plan and asked for input.

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lyall  
TFC Secretary