

West Windsor Town Forest Advisory Committee  
Draft Minutes of the meeting July 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Members attending: Cathy Boedtke, Dennis Lemire, Dennis Conley, Rudy Gross, Ted Knox and Jim Lyall. Also in attendance was selectboard member, Glenn Seward.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Additions:

Glenn Seward explained that the town received a notice asking if we were interested in being considered for a study of possible wind turbine locations in the state. Since the response deadline was the next day, no commitment to building was required, and the possibility of considerable income for the town, he responded in the affirmative, without consulting the WWTFC. If we are among the final candidates, there will be ample time for study and input, before committing. Consensus was that no one wants a 100ft. wide utility line through the middle of the TF, but that an acceptable alternative may be possible in the TF or on resort property.

Mission Statement: Cathy Boedtke's draft statement was approved by the committee, with the blanks to be filled in by Cathy by next meeting:

"The 1342 acre Town Forest was founded in 19\_\_ on undeveloped land.  
This land was gifted to the town....."

The West Windsor Town Forest Committee, a group of volunteers from the town, appointed by the Selectboard, shall manage the town forest.  
The Committee's primary function is to oversee the care, custody and management of the West Windsor Town Forest.  
The goal is to conserve the health of the forest community while enabling the public to enjoy high quality outdoor experiences (scenic/backcountry views, wildlife, etc.) away from development, noise, and pollution.  
The TFC embraces the responsibility of trail stewardship."

Management Plan Update:

Jim reported having walked trails with Tii and gained valuable input re: stream crossings and other suggested details, some recommended trail closings and additions, and possible closing of the southern trails in mid-October to permit bear feeding without disruption.

Glenn said that Tii will be giving us a preliminary report about the trails soon.

Bicentennial Trail: Cathy volunteered to approach the Ascutney Trails Association about taking over care of the trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

The next meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Lyall, secretary