

Minutes of Forestry Committee November 14, 2016

In attendance: T. Miller, G. Pendlebury, K. DiPietro, B. St. Amand and J. Constance.
C. Brown arrived at 5:50 pm

T. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

The meeting opened with a continuance of the discussion regarding a proposed swap of land, that being a parcel abutting the Betsey Dodge forest for a parcel owned by Mark Damien on the corner of Saunders Hill Road. J. Constance reported on the meeting that he and Ken Lombard had with Mr. Damien two weeks prior. Mr. Damien had rejected the initial proposal of the committee but was open to giving the town a portion of the land he owns by the river in exchange for the corner parcel held by the Forestry Committee on Saunders Hill. He also indicated he would be willing to have an agreement to forgo any development of the river property.

J. Constance stated that he thought Mr. Damien was willing to make a deal which might include receiving the corner lot for roughly one half of his land by the river, while also putting a conservation easement on the remain portion thus preventing any development on the entire parcel.

The Committee then discussed the proposal at some length. K. DiPietro stated that she was not supportive of this proposal believing it was a bad precedent to set for the Town as well as the Committee. She thought the best that Mr. Damien move his sheds to that portion of his property that he clearly owns and that no swap of land should occur. G. Pendlebury and T. Miller expressed similar sentiments and the Committee as a whole decided that was the course of action. J. Constance said he would inform Mr. Damien of the Committee's decision.

T. Miller then reported on the work done on the Colby lot by himself, K. DiPietro, and J. Constance the last week of October. Three sample plots were staked out with mature trees and their dimensions noted as well as a description of surrounding smaller growth. Three more plots still need to be staked out to fulfill the requirements of the American Tree Farm system. These plots will need to be revisited six years from now so growth can be noted and, if so desired, mature trees harvested. T. Miller indicated he would like to have the remaining plots

done soon and J. Constance and C. Brown indicated they would do so prior to the next meeting.

C. Brown then indicated he had not received some information from the Town's bookkeeper and thus could not render a Treasurer's report. One check was for \$37.14 also lacked an explanation.

J. Constance said he would check with the Town Hall the next day and have the bookkeeper call C. Brown the next day.

Ki DiPietro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. G. Pendelbury seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

J. Constance