

Minutes of Forestry Committee Meeting of March 12, 2018

In attendance: Tom Miller, Carter Brown, Graham Pendlebury, J. Constance, Willard Dodge.

T. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

T. Miller presented completed survey map of the Todd lot for discussion and review.

T. Miller then moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, meeting with corrections. G. Pendlebury moved to accept with corrections. C. Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Carter Brown then presented the Treasurer's report. He reported a balance of \$30,601.16 T. Miller moved to accept the Treasurer's report and G. Pendlebury seconded and he motion passed unanimously.

T. Miller then reported that he and G. Pendlebury were planning to visit the Sherborn lot in the near future for an inspection. He also reported that the Christmas trees for the School Program would be coming out of the State forest in Boscowen in the month of April. They would need to be planted within seven to ten days of receipt.

T. Miller then asked for volunteers to take over the Christmas tree program. He presented a written plan to cover the next six years. Tom also explained that a New Boston Central School teacher would need to be involved and noted also that there would be a certain regime of care involved including mowing, watering, fertilizing etc. After some discussion it was decided that Carter Brown and Michael Constance would take over the program. A brief discussion of how the trees should be planted and marked ensued. The trees will be planted in the field that abuts the old landfill on Old Coach Road.

T. Miller then reported that he and G. Pendlebury have looked at Lydia Dodge for a cut to be done sometime later in the year. Tom said he would work up a contract which could then be used for bid purposes. Much of it is Red Pine which is going for between 25-85 dollars per thousand feet. White pine is going for between 75-200 per thousand .

T. Miller then noted that the Greenfield forest walk is cancelled but there is a talk by a local Forester on forestry related issues that will be held on March 20, 2018 at 6:00-8:00 PM at Greenfield Town Hall.

T. Miller then reported that he is working on the management plans already completed for a re-write per guidelines given by the new County Forester . J. Constance will work with Tom on the re-write.

The date of the next meeting was set for April 9, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

C. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. G. Pendelbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Constance