

DRAFT MINUTES OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE OF JUNE 13, 2016

In attendance: Tom Miller, Graham Pendlebury, Kim DiPietro, Carter Brown, Joe Constance, Ben St. Amand arrived at 7:10

Tom Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Kim DiPietro offered some corrections to the minutes of the meeting March 7 and the corrections were noted. K. DiPietro then moved to accept the minutes with changes. G. Pendlebury seconded and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

K. DiPietro moved to accept the minutes of May 10 as written. Carter Brown seconded and the minutes were accepted.

New Business: T. Miller brought up the subject of changing the meeting times from 7:00 PM to 5:30 PM on second Monday of every month. After discussion the motion was accepted and notifications will be handled by Joe C. and Laura Bernard.

Treasurer's report: K. DiPietro submitted a report on behalf of the new Treasurer C. Brown in an effort clear up some discrepancies caused by the recent difficulties in the Town bookkeeping office. KD stated that all accounts are now in order after a review. Some deposits had not been noted or placed in the wrong accounts. TM moved to accept report and GP seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Miller stated that he had bought some new tools for use by the Committee in forest management. He and B. St. Amand demonstrated some of the tools. T. Miller noted that the tools cost approximately five hundred dollars. The tools included:

1. Biltmore stick
2. 300 foot tape measure
3. Tree boring tool
4. Compass
5. Portable storage clipboard

T. Miller discussed Colby lot after walk and documentation that was on file. K. DiPietro noted the problem of boundaries with the lot. T. Miller stated that we should consider the boundaries of the lot to be the stone wall to south, barbed wire fence to the east, the Lull road extension edge to the north, and the road that goes to pond as western side. This would satisfy everything as far as Tree Farm system is concerned and T. Miller said he would draw the boundaries as described without a complete survey being necessary.

T. Miller then stated that he would need volunteers for a work party for work on the lot which could be done in one day. He suggested doing it on Friday the 24th at 1:00 PM. He would bring equipment for sighting the lines. As a boundary this would suffice. T. Miller and C. Brown will do the drafting work at the end of the sighting. The maps would then be used to divide the lot into in quadrants and then counts, size and species of trees, and soils would be noted for Tree Farm purposes.

A discussion then ensued on moving a large tree on the Lydia Dodge lot. B. St Amand said he would cut in sections and move it as soon as possible.

T. Miller then asked about storing the equipment in the conservation shed or Town Hall or somewhere where it might be accessed by others in necessary. J. Constance said that right after July 8, a new file cabinet would be available to the Committee at the Town Hall where the tools could be stored.

T. Miller then moved on to discuss the trees that Gerry Cornett wants to remove at the Transfer Station. T. Miller would like to do some core samples check for disease to determine value of trees for sale. This way Town can sell and not pay to have it done. Some are believed to have red rot. He said he would examine the trees soon and hoped that the yield would be approximately 10-15,000 board feet. A visit was proposed for July 8 to do the sampling.

G. Pendlebury moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM it was seconded by B. St. Amand. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The next meeting will be on July 11, at 530 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Constance