



## Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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**Approved**

Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023

**Present:** Pat Mainer (Chair), Chris Haviland, Aaron Miller, Stevie Spencer, Brent Francis, Joe Pasteris

**Absent:** Thomas Marrinson, Tom Broido

**Visitors:** Dale and Joanne Wernhoff

**Call to order:** Pat Mainer called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:33 pm on December 14, 2023

**Public Comment:**

**Discussion/Approval of November 9, 2023 draft minutes:** Joe moved to approve the minutes. Stevie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report available

**ADDITIONS:**

- **VOREC Grant Support Letter:** Adam Morse drafted a letter for committees review. Pat will forward with our approval
- **Annual Report:** Pat made a draft for submission to the town annual report. Members reviewed and made some recommendations for edits.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **VEM buyout and transfer to the Town of property adjoining the LHTF:** Wernhoff's proposed land buyout. Wernhoff's explained their continuing flooding problems. Discussion revolved around what responsibilities the town and committee would have involved in the property transfer and absorption into the LHTF property. Pat will inform Todd Odit that the committee will participate in any way possible in the completion of the buyout application process and absorption of the property into the adjacent LHTF including demolition and rehabilitation of the property to natural conditions.
- **Lumber for Town Common Pavilion:** postponed
- **Projects for 2024:** postponed

**UPDATES:**

- **HTF Trail Signs:** Joe has been further experimenting with laser cutting vs. routing which might not require painting in the letters.
- **HTF Carse Forest Management Plan – next step:** postponed
- **Future HTF Management Recommendations: Ethan Tapper, County Forester:** postponed
- **LHTF invasives treatment:** Completed for the year. Trout Lilly has been paid.
- **Hunting Closures:** Closure signs need to be removed.
- **Painting and caulking older bat houses:** No update

**Next Meeting:** January 11, 2024, 7:00 pm, at Hinesburg Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** Joe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stevie. Motion was approved unanimously at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland



