



## Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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**Approved**

Meeting Minutes January 11, 2024

**Present:** Pat Mainer (Chair), Chris Haviland, Aaron Miller, Joe Pasteris, Thomas Marrinson, Stevie Spencer, Tom Broido

**Absent:** Brent Francis

**Visitors:** Nathaniel Williams

**Call to order:** Pat Mainer called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:04 pm on January 11, 2024

**Public Comment:**

**Discussion/Approval of December 14, 2023 draft minutes:** Joe moved to approve the minutes. Aaron seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**ADDITIONS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Projects for 2024:** Boundary painting HTF. Invasives. RTP Grant. Boundary painting. Others. Pat noted all.

**UPDATES:**

- **HTF Trail Signs:** Joe brought another example for consideration. Committee discussed.
- **HTF Carse Forest Management Plan – next step:** Discussion of Ethan Tapper's initial plan draft. Pat wondered if doing invasive control work along the power line cut shouldn't be tackled first. Pat recommended removing P (parking) at west end map on Lincoln Hill Rd. Aaron moved to advance the draft management plan addendum to the HTF management plan for the former Carse property pending recommended edits. Tom B. seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Future HTF Management Recommendations: Ethan Tapper, County Forester:** General discussion revolved around Ethan's prior recommendations. Members generally felt like they

needed more info. Pat will email for a list of questions and ask Ethan to respond.

- **VEM buyout and transfer to the Town of property adjoining the LHTF:** Pat reports communication going back and forth. State is out of money for the program at this point but anticipation is that more funding coming.

**Next Meeting:** February 8, 2024, 7:00 pm, at Hinesburg Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** Tom M. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom B. Motion was approved unanimously at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland