



## Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes April 11, 2024

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

**Absent:** Thomas Marrinson

**Visitors:**

**Call to order:** Pat Mainer called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:03 pm on April 11, 2024

**Public Comment:**

**Discussion/Approval of March 14, 2024 draft minutes:** Joe moved to approve the minutes. Stevie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Spent \$30 YTD. Capital Funds Balance: \$63,920. Stewardship Funds Balance: \$105,879  
Tom B moved to approve. Joe seconded. Approved unanimously

**ADDITIONS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Election of Officers:** Brent moved to nominate the slate that was discussed. Pat for chair. Tom B. for vice-chair. Aaron for Treasurer. Chris for Secretary. Stevie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Invasive plants in both town forests:** Pat reports that this is a good time of year to easily identify them because they are leafing out early. Buckthorn, Honeysuckle and Japanese Barberry all need to be monitored. Pat will send out times/dates when she can go for a walk.
- **Beavers flooding Backdoor trail:** Beavers have substantially flooded the trail after the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge when heading north from Lincoln Hill trailhead. Pat walked the previously flagged reroute. Adam from FOTW suggested clearing the reroute with a volunteer night. Committee discussed moving the trailhead further up Lincoln Hill Rd.
- **Vermont Woodlands Assoc. Tree Farm dues:** Pat reports that the dues are \$60/year. Tom B moved to pay the dues. Aaron seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### UPDATES:

- **HTF Trail Signs:** Joe is working on files for the signs. Need to get out and get eyes on the intersections to see how signs would be mounted and directional arrows.
- **VEM buyout and transfer to the Town of property adjoining the LHTF:** no update
- **Bat houses at LHTF:** Stevie, Tom B and Ray Mainer completed the bat houses. Still need to mount a plaque to thank Katie Roberts who donated it.
- **Chittenden Country Forester position:** Ethan Tapper will come to our May meeting to wrap up.
- **Future HTF Management Recommendations: Ethan Tapper:** Discussion of issuing an RFP for future projects. Will review when Ethan is at the next meeting.
- **Plowing HTF Parking lots:** Pat notified the town manager.
- **Postponed Carse Addition FMP public hearing:** Hearing could not be scheduled for this meeting because there was not a motion at the March meeting. Tom B. moved to hold a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Aaron seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Projects for 2024:** Pat reviewed the list of projects and those who volunteered to manage.

**Next Meeting:** May 9, 2024, 7:00 pm, at Hinesburg Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** Chris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom B. Motion was approved unanimously at 8:52: pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland