



## Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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**Approved**

Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024

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

**Absent:** Aaron Miller

**Visitors:**

**Call to order:** Pat Mainer called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:04 pm on February 8, 2024

**Public Comment:**

**Discussion/Approval of January 11, 2024 draft minutes:** Tom B. moved to approve the minutes as edited. Tom M. seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**ADDITIONS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPDATES:**

- **HTF Trail Signs:** Joe has been working on arranging his files. He wants to go buy a small amount of wood to do a handful of signs. Pat advised requesting to use the town credit card.
- **Carse FMP addendum to 2022 HTF Management Plan:** No update
- **Future HTF Management Recommendations: Ethan Tapper, County Forester:** Committee has question about priorities that Ethan has highlighted recently. Request will be made to have Ethan come to a future meeting. Some members suggested soliciting a second opinion/recommendation.
- **VEM buyout and transfer to the Town of property adjoining the LHTF:** Pat reports lots of emails between the Wernhoff's and the state. Application is submitted. State needs to appropriate more money.

- **Bat houses, etc. at LHTF:** Stevie reports that the posts can move and the houses can wave in the wind. May need to reinforce the bases with more cement. Still need to paint and caulk.
- **Projects for 2024:** HTF Signs, Bat House signs, Hunting Closures, Clean up Kiosk content, Invasives, Carse addition Safety zone signs, HTF boundary painting, Lincoln Hill Backdoor beaver pond.

**Next Meeting:** March 14, 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 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland