



## Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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**Approved**

Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022

**Present:** Pat Mainer (Chair), Chris Haviland, Jon Trefry, Brent Francis, Aaron Miller, Stevie Spencer, Kelsey Barklund, Thomas Marrinson

**Absent:**

**Visitors:**

**Call to order:** Pat Mainer called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:09 pm on August 11, 2022

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

**Public Comment:**

**Discussion/Approval of July 14, 2022 minutes:** Jon moved to approve the minutes. Kelsey seconded. Jon pointed out that the kiosk authorization should read “not to exceed \$500 each.” The motion carried unanimously with the correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasure reports the following from Town Clerk

7/1/21 - \$24,088.23

Logging Rev. FY22 - \$47,658.58

Expenditures FY22 – (\$22,138.94)

Balance 6/30/22 - \$49,607.87

Regular Budget – (\$2,680.00)

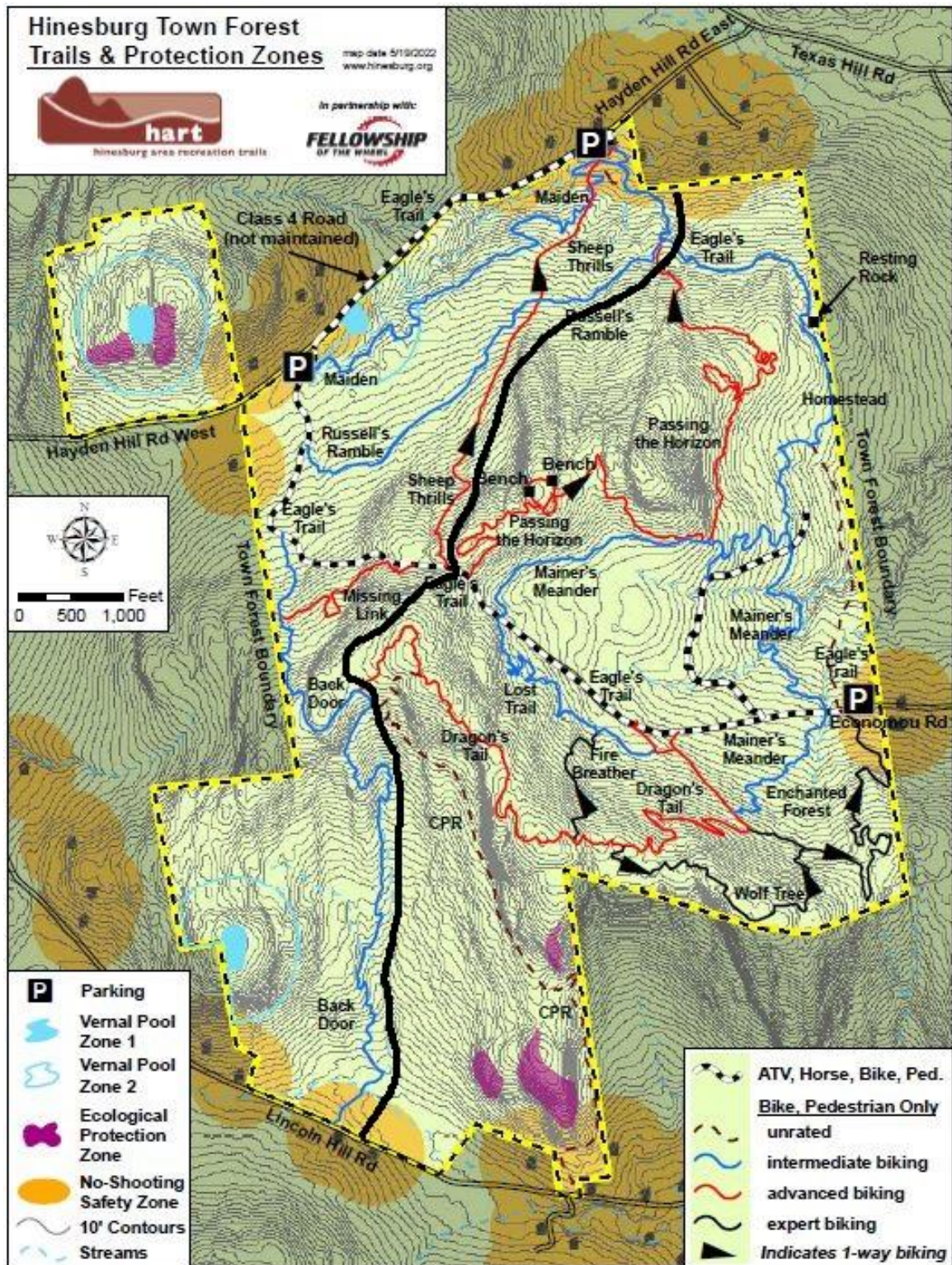
Balance - \$49,927.87

Jon moved to approve the interim report. Kelsey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **LHTF invasives treatment appropriation:** The subject has been extensively discussed at the June and July meetings but needed final approval. Jon moved to approve up to \$10,000 funding from the forest committee budget for Trout Lilly Forestry Services at the LHTF. Stevie seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Brent asked if that included treatment on the edges of neighboring properties.

- **Closures for Deer Hunting:** Committee discussed various options. Pat polled the members for individual opinions. Those options were discussed at length. Kelsey moved to close the HTF from Oct. 24, 2022 through Dec. 11, 2022 for all recreation other than deer hunting with the exception of Maiden, Russell's Ramble, Sheep Thrills, Backdoor, Missing Link, and Stealth trails and all areas to the west of those trails as referenced on the attached map, west of the heavy black line bisecting the HTF from north to south. Aaron seconded. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention.



Regarding LHTF, committee discussed areas that see the most use. Jon moved that LHTF be closed Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 for all recreation other than deer hunting north of the east/west tributary of the Laplatte River, north of Brookside Rd. and south of Bissonnette Meadow. Aaron seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Trail Names:** The topic was briefly discussed with a couple of names being added for consideration. Due to the late hour, the discussion was tabled to a future meeting date.
- **UVM NR 206:** No project suggestions were immediately offered. Pat will ask that the committee be kept in consideration for project ideas for next year.
- **Ash trees near Potvin's house:** Pat viewed the situation and reported. Ethan will look at it with Tim Brown.
- **Public meeting to approve management plan (map):** Several other considerations pending. No planned date yet

#### **UPDATES:**

- **E-bike study update:** Demo days complete. Survey data will be reported
- **RTP Grant application:** no update
- **Stand 14:** Browns have completed prep work
- **LHTF TNC project:** no update
- **LHTF US & VT Fish and Wildlife project:** no update
- **HTF Boundary painting:** Stevie reported more painting completed. Trying to contact land owners for input.
- **HTF Deer exclosures:** no update
- **Inventory and Assessment for the Carse Addition:** no update
- **Habitat Stamp work proposal to improve habitat for the golden winged warbler:** no update

**Next Meeting:** September 8, 2022, 7:00 pm, at Hinesburg Town Hall and or Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Chris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon. Motion was approved unanimously at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland