



Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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Approved

Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022

Present: Pat Mainer (Chair), Chris Haviland, Brent Francis (via Zoom), Kelsey Barklund, Jon Trefry, Thomas Marrinson, Aaron Miller (via zoom), Tom Broido

Absent: Stevie Spencer

Visitors:

Call to order: Pat Mainer called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:05 pm on December 8, 2022

Public Comment: none

Discussion/Approval of November 10, 2022 minutes: Kelsey moved to approve the revised minutes. Jon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Chris moved to approve the report (below). Tom Marrinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Date	Memo	Credit	Authorized Debit	Cleared Debit
2/10/2022	HTF Ash Treatment Materials		\$ (1,500.00)	
	Boundary Marking Paint		\$ (350.00)	
7/1/2022	Balance FY 21–22	\$46,927.87		
7/12/2022	Trails Committee			\$ (397.31)
7/12/2022	HTF Signage			\$ (194.91)
7/14/2022	Aubuchon			\$ (102.69)
8/11/2022	LHTF Invasives Treatment; Trout Lily		\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (10,000.00)
9/8/2022	Plasticized Paper for Signage		\$ (200.00)	\$ (174.60)
			Current Balance	\$ 36,058.36
			Available Balance	\$ 34,208.36

ADDITIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VAST Trail, signatures, kiosk and document:** Scott Johanson from VAST contacted Pat about the kiosk at the entrance to CPR trail off Lincoln Hill Rd. being too far into the VAST trail for the groomer to pass. VAST will move the Kiosk over a little. Pat helped get an MOU between the town and VAST signed by Todd Odit
- **Projects/work plan for 2023 – Thoughts? Priorities:** Pat read from the list of action items in both the LHTF and HTF management plans and discussed the items that are completed vs. incomplete.
 1. Treat invasives under power line cut on the Carse addition
 2. Deer exclosures in HTF
 3. Website improvement
 4. Kiosk management
 5. Project to create a trail loop that accommodates adaptive bikes
 6. HTF Management Plan
 7. Funds investment
 8. Invasives Treatment
 9. Boundary painting
 10. HTF Signage
 11. Carse addition history

UPDATES:

- **HTF 2022 Management Plan:** VLT has approved the management plan. Needs to be approved by select board.
- **Hunting Closures:** Good feedback so far.
- **Investing HTF Funds:** Tom Marrinson spoke with Todd Odit and he was in agreement with the idea of investment. Tom has investigated options for investing but Todd still needs to be run this past the town clerk.
- **Habitat Stamp work proposal to improve habitat for the golden winged-warbler:** VLT has approved. Ethan Tapper says it is ready to go either this winter or next.
- **Stand 14:** Ethan Tapper says the Brown's are ready to go when the ground is ready
- **E-bike study:** no update
- **LHTF TNC project:** no update
- **LHTF US & VT Fish and Wildlife project:** no update
- **HTF Boundary painting:** on hold till spring
- **HTF Deer exclosures:** no update
- **Inventory and Assessments for the Carse Addition & LHTF:** no update
- **LHTF Bat house installation:** Not installed due to weather restrictions
- **HTF signage:** Kelsey and Ray Mainer are going to work on this. Kelsey has started communication with Adam Morse because VMBA is interested in standardizing signage across VT trail networks.

- **RTP grant – Increasing access:** Deadline passed and Jon needed to speak with Adam who was away. Needs more discussion with FOTW.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2023, 7:00 pm, at Hinesburg Town Hall and or Zoom.

Adjournment: Kelsey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom B. Motion was approved unanimously at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland