



Town Forest Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes October 12, 2023

Present: Pat Mainer (Chair), Chris Haviland, Aaron Miller, Thomas Marrinson, Joe Pasteris, Brent Francis

Absent: Tom Broido, Stevie Spencer

Visitors:

Call to order: Pat Mainer called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:13 pm on October 12, 2023

Public Comment:

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

Treasurer's Report: No update

ADDITIONS:

- Balin's Brush: Committee polled. No objections
- Carse addition forestry management plan: Pat will resend the draft FMP that Ethan Tapper has written so that committee members can familiarize themselves with it for discussion at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget plan for 2024: Discussion of planned or proposed spending items for 2024 such as, trail signs, invasives, FOTW trail work.

UPDATES:

- HTF Trail Signs: Chris completed a numbered map and spreadsheet of trail junctions. Will need to identify future placement of signs and required directional arrows. Joe suggested picking a section of the HTF and starting there first.
- Future forest management projects in the pre 2022 HTF (former Carse land): More info required. Postponed.

- LHTF invasives treatment: Finishing in November.
- Northern Forest grant for Eagle's Trail: no update
- Website improvement: delayed to January
- HTF Boundary painting: Former Carse property. Mostly complete
- Trimming Economou Road Extension: Plan a work day for spring
- Painting and caulking older bat houses: Bats are gone. Can be completed any time.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023, 7:00 pm, at Hinesburg Town Hall.

Adjournment: Tom M. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Aaron. Motion was approved unanimously at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Haviland

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