

Gorham Town Forest Committee

Minutes for meeting of 9/14/2015

1. Call to order at 5:10 pm at the Water and Sewer Office. Present were Mike Waddell Secretary, Glen Eastman Chair, Lee Carrol, Ted Miller, and Steve Malespini. Also present Derek Patry and Town Forester Haven Neil.
2. Approval of minutes from meeting of 12/1/14: On a motion to approve as presented by Lee Carrol and seconded by Ted Miller. All in favor.
3. Report by Haven Neil Town Forester on future forest plan. Haven reported that there was something fishy going on with the gate locks at the Jimtown and Perkins Brook gates. He believes extra keys may exist and will get to the bottom of it. He also described his work on the Town Forest boundary lines in the past year which consisted of routine clearing of selected sections. Haven gave a brief overview of the health of the forest and recommended that no cut occur this winter. He felt a cut next winter might be warranted.
4. Proposal to tap Maple trees on Forest. Derek Patry made a proposal to the Committee for a small Maple Sugar Bush located in the vicinity of Perkins Brook. (see attachment) The Committee expressed concerns for the potential loss of growth and damage to veneer logs. Haven believes that the trees will, for the most part be in areas that are not harvestable and that he will check to make sure potential veneer logs that could be harvested will not be taped. Based on that assurance and considering the small scale of the project a motion was made by Glen and seconded by Lee to approve the proposal so long as potential Maple saw logs are not taped, the operation is reviewed annually and that it will be for a duration of 3 years with the option for renewal. Voted all in favor.
5. Old Business. Mike reported that there is nothing new on the Yankee land.
6. New Business. None
7. Next Meeting. TBD
8. Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 6:15 by Ted second by Glen All in favor.