

**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**March 26, 2018**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The Town Council meeting will be held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. Regular meetings are cablecast live and videotaped for the convenience of our viewers at home. 7:00 PM.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1.) Introduction of Mike Malaguti  
**Presented by Lisa Drabik and Chief Bill Hart**
- 2.) **Update on Kent Allen Forest**  
**Presented by Kent Allen**

**C. PUBLIC HEARING**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1.) Town Council Public Comment Rules Update  
**(Continued from March 5)**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.) **Order #2018-06** – An Order Relative to the Expenditure of Maintenance trust Fund for Various Projects  
**Presented by Steve Cotton**
- 2.) Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk
- 3.) Appointment of Tax Collector

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Town Council Minutes

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Liaison Reports
2. Town Manager Report
3. Assistant Town Manager Report
4. Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointment

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. MEETING SCHEDULE**

1. Town Council Meeting – 04/02/18 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
2. Town Council Meeting – 04/16/18 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
3. Town Council Meeting – 05/07/18 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
4. Town Council Meeting – 05/21/18 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM

## Let's Beautify our Forest

Thank you for your time today! My name is Meredith and I am the wife of Kent Allen who is in his seventh year of picking up and cleaning our Town Forest. For this endeavor, he had the honor of the forest being renamed and declared the Kent Allen Forest in the spring of 2017. I would like to speak a little about the upcoming 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the settling of "Nutfield." These celebrations will happen in the spring of 2019. I am hoping our forest will have a role to play in these celebrations due to its historic significance. It has countryside that is worthy of preservation which is ongoing now.

The emigrants who settled our Londonderry were called Scots-Irish, being the descendants of a colony which migrated from Argyleshire, Scotland and settled in Ireland in the province of Ulster in about 1612. In 1719, sixteen Scots-Irish families from Ulster settled this area along with the Reverend James MacGregor. They chose this location because of the abundance and richness of its great trees which provided them with wood for their homes, fire for warmth, furniture, food, and shelter for their farm animals. The trees that were here then were the American chestnut, the black walnut, and the butternut. In the early 1800's, a European blight arrived in America and destroyed these great trees down the eastern seaboard and across the country. Their vacancies allowed our woods to be filled with towering pines, great oaks, maples, birch, and other species that we are all familiar with today.

As a tribute, to look forward to our town's celebration, a planting of the trees we lost to blight was done in May 2017 in an attempt to reclaim them here in Londonderry. A planting of these trees called "The Nutfield Planting" was done last May by the edge of the forest and before the Mack's Apples orchard lands. It was established by our involvement with the American Chestnut Foundation and fifth grade students from our three elementary schools – Matthew Thorton, North School, and South school.

There have been several volunteer groups that have given many man-hours to pick-up and pile tree debris in the forest which is constantly renewing itself due to the hands of Mother Nature and her gifts of wind, old age, and seasonal storms. Our Department of Public Works has spent many hours removing old stumps and these debris piles, and have also put down a surface on the trails called Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) to help make it easier for walkers and families to navigate the woods. This surface has also made it possible for some organizations to use the forest for educational purposes for young people.

With all that has been done there is still much more work remaining to do to feel ready for our 2019 celebrations in the woods next spring! We would like to see the woods come alive with natural colors and rejuvenated by new growth. We would like to do this by adding of a variety of native shade to part-sun flowering shrubs and small trees in designated areas. This could be done by the donations of interested individuals, families, groups, organizations, or businesses who would like to have a hand in beautifying our forest for generations to come. This would be a way of bringing the community together for the common good and the personal enjoyment for all and it would be something we would all be a part of. However, we only have this one growing season to accomplish our goal and the project would need to get underway now. This growing season is about to begin and goes until fall when the ground freezes and winter arrives once again!

My husband, Kent, is totally involved in the general clean-up of the forest and I am offering to help organize a program known as "Let's Beautify our Forest" for Londonderry's celebrations. The designated part of the forest where we would like to start with the plantings all together will be known as "Gardens of the Wood."

We are looking for donors/contributors/sponsors who would be willing to take on the following responsibilities of their adopted spot:

1. Purchase shrubs/trees from a pre-determined list approved by the forest keepers and the UNH Cooperative Extension Service of Forestry for plants acceptable and expected to survive in the Kent Allen Forest, Londonderry, NH.
2. Select your plot from a map of designated areas done by the forest keepers and submit a plan for your selections and when you wish to plant. Your site will be held for you until done. Planting could start late May.
3. Be aware there is no water available in the forest. You will need to transport all your supplies necessary. The digging is tough in the woods with the presence of tree roots and shale stones. You will need a strong digger!
4. Fertilizer, mulch, and prune as necessary.
5. Maintain your area by weeding and eliminating spent growth that is "gone by" by the end of the season so as to put it to bed for winter in preparation of next spring's growth. Add woodland bulbs if pre-approved.
6. Please attach a tag (that will last) to your donations with the name of the donor, the date of planting, and the name of the species planted (common and/or Latin).
7. Only living materials may be planted in the forest. No artificial plants and no invasive species (ex: Burning Bush).

Also note:

- A. A book is being compiled with helpful suggestions and information concerning acceptable trees/shrubs for this project to use as a guide.
- B. Shady Hill Greenhouses and Nursery has offered our participants a discount for the purpose of purchasing items for this forest project only. A special card with the forest keeper's signature will be given and turned into Shady Hill for this one-time project and then returned to us for a registry of plants provided by you.
- C. We will solicit publicity to follow our efforts to "Beautify our forest" and to have the public be aware of our "Gardens of the Wood" project.
- D. We may have a Blessing of the Forest at the end of this year's planting season followed by a bring-your-own-picnic-on-the-lawn at the Town Common to enjoy what we have done!
- E. This project, as a community driven gesture, will be of historical significance to the Town of Londonderry and we hope you will be part of it!!!
- F. Please call with any questions or to become part of this project. Predetermined sites for plantings will be established soon.

Thank you,

Meredith Allen, Forest Keeper (cell phone) 603-568-6249

Kent Allen, Forest Keeper (house phone) 603-432-8570

P.S. As an aside, we would also like to ask if any groups, families, or individuals would be willing to volunteer time to help pick up fallen tree debris. This could happen as a designated "team clean-up day" as a group effort to help "Beautify Our Forest." This clean-up day could be this spring and again one day this fall. Please let us know if you are interested in this endeavor.

**From:** Jordan, Greg  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 13, 2018 6:24 PM  
**To:** ekmh42@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Nursery Plants

Hi Kent,

Sorry for the long delay in response to your question; however, I've finally had a chance to sit down and look over the NH State Forest Nursery catalog. My delay in response is partly due to a very busy schedule of late, but also, in part, due to the fact that planting in our local forests is not a common practice. It took me a little time to formulate a "proper" response.

Typically, foresters in New Hampshire rely on natural regeneration of trees and shrubs. In our area, natural regeneration is typically very prolific and the forest usually "seeds" itself. Sometimes the regeneration is not what we were hoping for (e.g., too much beech and too little pine or oak). *The good news* – last year's (2017) excellent pine cone crop should provide lots of white pine regeneration in the next year or two. That natural regeneration, in my opinion, is the best future forest and should be nurtured. It's tough to beat Mother Nature.

That said, if you are interested in supplemental planting at the Kent Allen Town Forest/Town Common, I would recommend focusing on native plants that are well adapted to the site's growing conditions. In the uplands of the forest I would expect that maple-leaf viburnum, beaked hazelnut, northern wild raisin, nannyberry, and, maybe, alternate-leaf dogwood would be found naturally. In wetter areas you would probably find elderberry, arrowwood, and winterberry holly.

After reviewing the "Native Species" and Songbird" Specialty Packages in this year's catalog, I have a few recommendations. The packages are very good; however, I think planting a few species – alternate-leaf dogwood, American hazelnut, nannyberry, or northern wild raisin would be a better choice. In wetter areas, winterberry holly or northern arrowwood would be good choices. The packages include plants that, in my opinion, aren't well suited to forested conditions (such as beach plum and Virginia rose). If you choose to plant I strongly recommend that you use only native species and that you plant in dense groups (as opposed to widely scattered plants).

The barriers to planting are a dry spring, competition (especially for the small plants from the nursery), deer browse, and invasive plants. You are doing a great job getting after the invasive plants and I think that is the most critical step you can take to ensuring the establishment of great forest regeneration. Keep up the good work!

If you need any more help choosing plants for the property, please don't hesitate to contact me. Once again, I recommend planting only a few native species instead of the specialty packages (in this instance). I'm hoping to see you in the spring on the seedling pick-up day.

*Greg Jordan, County Forester*

# ORDER #2018-06

An Order Relative to

## **EXPENDITURE OF**

## **MAINTENANCE TRUST FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS**

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Reading: 03/26/2018

Adopted: 03/26/2018

**WHEREAS** voters since 2003 have approved funding for the maintenance and repair of public buildings and grounds in the town; and

**WHEREAS** by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to expend \$8,952.50 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the aforementioned repairs and improvements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED** by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to expend \$8,952.50 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the aforementioned repairs and improvements.

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Tom Dolan, Chairman  
Town Council

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Sharon Farrell  
Town Clerk

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

03/26/2018

**Stephen R. Cotton**

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**From:** Stephen R. Cotton  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:16 AM  
**To:** Kevin Smith; Kirby Brown  
**Cc:** Stephen R. Cotton  
**Subject:** EMTF - 3/26/18 TC Meeting

Kevin/Kirby, EMTF for the 3/26/18 TC meeting. Steve

Expendable Maintenance Trust TC Order Request for Town Council Meeting *3/26/18*		
Description	Vendor	Amount
<u>Winter Maintenance - TH/ PD/ Library/ Cable Access/ Morrison House</u>	Shady Hill - Invoice # P-340	\$ 810.00
Shoveling/Plowing/Treatment of parking lots, walkways, fire lanes at TH/ PD/ Library/ Cable Access/ Morrison House on 2/22, 2/23, 2/25, 3/4, 3/5, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/13, 3/14, and 3/15/18. This EMTF request is for the labor/materials for snow & ice treatment at our various town buildings.	Shady Hill - Invoice # P-350	\$ 305.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # P-351	\$ 1,755.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # P-352	\$ 1,730.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # P-361	\$ 1,515.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # P-362	\$ 1,162.50
<u>Winter Maintenance - Senior Center</u>	Green Magic - Invoice #	\$ 1,675.00
Shoveling/Plowing/Treatment of parking lot, and walkways, at the Senior Center on 3/5, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/13, and 3/15/18. This EMTF request is for the labor/materials for snow & ice treatment at our Senior Center.		\$ 1,675.00
<b>Total Town Council EMTF Order</b>		<b>\$ 8,952.50</b>

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