

Forestry Committee Minutes of December 11, 2017

In attendance: Tom Miller, Graham Pendlebury Carter Brown, Joe Constance

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM

Tom Miller asked to be put on Selectmen's agenda for next meeting to discuss need for new members. He also asked if it would be possible to use part of the Grange Hall in the upstairs of the Town Hall to do drafting work for Town forest plans. He also asked if it would be possible to have a key for entry to the Town Hall. J. Constance said he would inquire the next day on both issues.

Treasurer's report: Carter Brown said there was no report as he did not receive statement from the Town Office. He did speak to the Financial director about the issue. He also reported he had not gotten bill for the Bob Todd forest signs. C. Brown will also write up Forestry committee report for the Annual Town Report.

County Forester: Tom Miller reported he had spoken to Ethan Blair, the new County Forester the from UNH COOP Extension for an hour the previous week. Ethan stated we did not need to hire a certified forester to approve our plans as he can do it for us. T. Miller said that Ethan would be a good resource for us in the future. Tom also stated that on January 16 at 8:30 AM he will walk the Folansbee Colby lots with Blair. Ethan recommended we use a prism for plan on Todd lot. A prism determines diameter of tree more accurately than the stick method.

Mr. Blair also spoke about T. Miller getting registered to do Town's Forestry work. He believes Tom can get certified given the work he has already done. TM will also take classes to get certified by Tree Farm System as well.

Finally, Mr. Blair also asked T. Miller about future cuts and Tom replied none were likely until later next year.

T. Miller inquired about bringing up subject of acquiring more forest land with monies that committee would acquire over the sum of \$50,000.00. J. Constance said he thought it was appropriate and to bring it up at the next meeting Selectmen's meeting as well. Several potential lots were discussed as possible sites for future purchase.

G. Pendlebury reported on Bob Todd forest survey work. About half done with the lot and all is progressing well.

The next work party for the Todd lot was set for January 10th 8:00 AM and a second for January 27th at 8:00 AM

There will also be a meeting with the new County forester on January 16th at the Town Hall.

The next meeting of the Committee is on January 8th .

New Business: G. Pendlebury talked about new members and recommended some names. T. Miller said he would bring those names to the Selectmen's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Joe Constance