

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017

In attendance: Tom Miller, Kim DiPietro, Graham Pendelbury, Carter Brown, Ben St. Amand, Joe Constance

Tom Miller called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

C. Brown gave the Treasurer's report noting that the balance in the Committee's account was \$26,828.12. K. DiPietro moved to accept the report and G. Pendlebury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old business

K. DiPietro inquired about the Transfer station and ballfield cut. T. Miller stated that Jon Strong would begin work about March 1 and be completed by end of the month. Jon has hired two men to help him with the cut. KD inquired about approval of selectmen for the cut and T. Miller and J. Constance replied that the Selectmen had approved of the contract with Mr. Strong.

T. Miller discussed the progress made on the Folansbee lot. Survey work had been done two weeks earlier by T. Miller, Willard Dodge, G. Pendlebury, and J. Constance and T. Miller was currently working on a map of its borders for the Committee. T. Miller would like to do some sample plots soon.

T. Miller announced that John Nute, of the NH Extension Service who has done considerable work for the Town has retired. This will necessitate the Committee finding another Forester to assist us with management plans for town forests. C. Brown was charged with contacting the Extension service to inquire as to the services of another forester.

T. Miller then reported on the Tree Farm application. He has all paper work ready and now we need a management plan for the Colby lot. TM would also like to know if we are better off filing our plans for lots individually or as a group. He hoped we could have the assistance of a County Forester since it would incur no charge.

T. Miller then posed the question of what lot should be surveyed next. He noted that the Johnson lot was next in terms of size but there has been a long running dispute regarding its boundaries. Bob Todd did survey some years back and the County Forester has also visited. The boundary issue had been sent to Town

Counsel for action several years ago but still not been resolved. K. DiPietro noted that at one time the Forestry Committee had even recommended sale of the lot. J. Constance said he would bring the issue to the attention of the Town administrator and Town Counsel for conclusive action.

T. Miller suggested that it would be beneficial if the town could arrange a swap with the Strong family for the first settlement lot. The Committee approved of this idea and T. Miller said he would pursue it with Bo Strong as soon as possible. .

T. Miller then stated that the next lot in terms of size was the O'Rourke lot off Old Coach Road. K. DiPietro noted that we have deed description except for ball field. Some things need to be clarified around ballfield. In the past Jon Stout did some logging there and there is a considerable amount of hemlock as well as wetlands therein.

T. Miller stated that he would be going in for surgery soon and that G. Pendlebury would act as Chair in his absence. Tom also stated that he would finish the map for the Follansbee lot and note places for sample plots on it.

The date of the next meeting was set for March 13, at 5:30 PM.

K. DiPietro moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM and G. Pendlebury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Constance