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<ul> <li>9 Selectmen Liaison: Jim Devine: Absent</li> <li>10 Environmental Consultant: Gerry Miller: Present</li> </ul>	
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12 Opening: Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:06	
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14 Review of the 12/5/13 Minutes	
Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 12/5/13 minutes as written. Mr. Major sec	onded
the motion. All members voted in favor. Ms. Cairns abstained. The motion passed	
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18 Correspondence	
19 Newsletter from Woodland Current	
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Bank statements for the Forestry Management Fund and Conservation Account	
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25 Letter from Eben Lewis regarding the requirements for the Meghan Drive Fire Por	nd in
response to a letter sent by the Conservation Commission.	
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29 Mr. Major asked what the process was to host a full moon snowshoe walk and what the process was	at
happened at the event. He noted the next full moon is January 15, 2014 which is a	
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33 Mr. Carey noted that Mr. Traeger ran those events in the past. He would put an art	icle in
34 the Tri Town Times and put it on the website and Channel 17 to advertise the ever	nt.
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36 Mr. Butler noted they usually have a bonfire and that Mr. Genualdo would plow o	ut a
parking area if asked on the Minton Field. They discussed having the bonfire near	
parking area so people from the road could see it. Ms. Cairns mentioned that Mr. 7	Гraeger
in the past has also contact Eastern Mountain Sports for snowshoe rentals.	
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Mr. Butler noted they have in the past done hot chocolate. Mr. Major suggested ha	aving a
group help run that activity.	
The next full moon is February 14, 2014 which is a Friday. Members agreed that r	miaht
45 be easier to plan since there was more time, but questioned if people would attend	_
46 something on Valentine's day.	

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Mr. Major asked if someone led a hike. Mr. Butler noted he does usually lead a group of people. Those that know the forest can go out on their own. Mr. Carey offered to be the fire master.

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Mr. Butler suggested if the event gets cancelled due to weather, they could do a daytime one the following week.

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## Trails Update

Mr. Major noted he still hasn't heard back from Tim Peloquin. He would just like to get a topographic map of the land. Mr. Miller noted it would be better if he had a map to scale. Mr. Major noted that Mr. Traeger is helping to get in touch with him.

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Mr. Butler gave Mr. Major the GPS.

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## **New Business**

Mr. Carey attended the Vermont Greenscape Association Tradeshow and he obtained some information about invasive insects in NH. He suggested that Charlie Moreno could discuss this with them and they could discuss if there was anything they could do about it. He handed out some brochures with detailed information about the various species.

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Members agreed they should get in touch with Charlie Moreno to do an updated Forestry Management Plan. Mr. Carey noted that when they do the Forestry Management Plan, they use the funds in the Forestry Management Account. They want the properties to be self funded so they do cutting and use those proceeds to pay for maintaining the land.

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The Forestry Management Plan should be placed at the town library and town clerk's office. Mr. Moreno prefers no electronic copies be placed on the website. It is public information but it is his proprietary information and he prefers no electronic copies.

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Mr. Carey suggested having Ms. Cairns do the annual report update. Members thought it should include the properties the Commission has purchased, the Eagle Scout project, permit work and the forestry cut.

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Mr. Butler proposed getting some kind of sign put up at the Community Garden. He may have to go to Zoning to get a bigger sign since he wanted something larger that what was permissible. Mr. Miller noted that if you are going to take the effort to put up a sign, you should cut all the brush by the road so you can see the sign and the garden.

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> 90 Members discussed the potential warrant article to lower the current use change tax 91 contribution to Conservation and different talking points they could bring up. Mr. Major noted there was a study that Mr. Traeger produced, that adding homes did not necessarily

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93 add tax revenue. Mr. Major asked Mr. Traeger to update that study and apply it to the 94 current market value and give the Commission that information so members could talk 95 about it intelligently. 96 97 Mr. Butler noted NH Association of Conservation Commissions has a lot of information 98 on their website. He noted they have an access code to get into a separate section of the 99 website with more information. Ms. Cairns will contact them and find out what the access 100 code is. He suggested Ms. Cairns mention to them that there is a potential warrant article 101 and see if they have any information they could send us. He noted the Commission needs 102 to approach all other groups and ask them to help spread the word and inform people. 103 104 MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members 105 voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:10 p.m. 106 107 Respectfully Submitted,

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