**Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee**

***Draft Minutes***

**What:** Minutes

**When:** May 6, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Committee:** Tom Kidder- Co-Chair, Dianne Norton - C o-Chair, Kirk Morrison, Kathy Damon, Andrea Franklin

**Guests**: None

**Public**: None

* 6:35: Tom Kidder moved the meeting to order
* Review and approval of minutes deferred until is available as he indicated he had some changes
* Survey Walk
  + Kathy summarized our first boundary walk. Committee members and quite a few Newbury residents hiked to the top of Tucker Mounter with foresters Dave Paganelli and David McMath providing expert commentary on the way up. At the summit, view clearing was discussed. At this point, a number of folks headed back and others continued on for the boundary marking. It is expected that 2 more boundary walks will be necessary to complete the task.
  + There is a $5,000 grant available for view clearing.
  + Tom talked to Eddie Wallaceabout an estimate for the view clearing and Eddie provided an estimate of $1500. This is for clearing, not removal.
  + Larry Miner will be writing a grant for the NH Charitable Community Grant to pay for clearing a two acre patch with heavy mechanical equipment (a brontosaurs) and for felling trees blocking the view of the White Mountains.
  + Tom has requested an estimate for the brontosaurus.
  + The next boundary walks will be June 8 with Dave Pagenelli and June 22 with David McNath.
  + The brush-hogging and brontosaurus work will be scheduled after August after the birds finish nesting.
  + The selectboard signed-off on Dave Paenelli for forester. A letter of commendation for Dave was received from Nancy Jones of Wrights Mountain. Kathy moved that Dave Pagenelli be offered the position of forester for Tucker Mountain Forest and Kirk seconded. All approved.
* Management Plan
  + Vermont Land Trust will contribute up to $5,000 to engage a specialist to write the management plan based on the committee’s input.
    - Tom provided the resume of Julie Renaud Evans as a potential candidate. Tom will contact her regarding an interview time. All agreed that the interview did not have to be on one of the committees regularly scheduled meetings.
    - Tom and Dianne will contact Bob Linck at VLT for a second name. They will also contact Nancy Jones of Wrights Mountain for a recommendation.
    - It was clarified that the committee makes a recommendation to the select board and the select board does the hiring.
* The first meeting in June will be dedicated to Law Enforcement.
  + The state police have already committed to sending a representative
  + Tom is still waiting to hear from the Game Warden and the Sherrif.
* ATV’s.
  + It was clarified that registered ATVs are allowed on class 4 town roads that are not plowed in the winter.
* Public Meetings
  + The committee reviewed the Survey Monkey questions which will be discussed at the public meetings.
* Oxbow Community Service Day
  + On May 16, from 9-12 some Oxbow students will do some work on Tucker Mountain. Tom and John will also participate.
* Wildlife Sub-Committee
  + Kirk moved and Kathy seconded to name Walt Cottrell as the sub-committee chair.
* Website
  + Dianne showed the committee with web site she is developing for Tucker Mountain. It looks great! Site will be tuckertownforest.org when complete.
  + The cost for the domain is $118 for 36 months.
* Facebook
  + Kim Morrison continues to work on this.
* Other Business
  + The Newbury Woman’s Club Flea Market is May 18, 9-3. Discussed whether there should be a table the Tucker Mountain Trifold. There was some discussion as to whether there would be enough room for the table.
  + The committee will encourage that on the West Newbury side, the log landing before the gate be used as the parking lot.
* Tom moved, Kathy seconded to adjourn at 7:45. Unanimous.

Submitted by: Kathy Damon