**Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee**

***Draft Minutes***

**What:** Minutes

**When:** April 15, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Committee in attendance:** Tom Kidder- Co-Chair, Dianne Norton - Co-Chair, Kirk Morrison, Kathy Damon, John Nininger, Cortney Blake

**Public**: Frank Tegethoff, Wells River

* 6:35: Dianne moved the meeting to order
* Visitor/Public
  + Frank Tegethoff stopped by the meeting to thank the committee for its efforts to get information out to the public. He complimented the committee for its use of technology to get the word out about the work the committee is doing and for the opportunities for the public to participate. The effort will broaden the support for a regional asset.
* John moved and Cortney seconded to accept the 4/1/2019 minutes as written. Approved.
* Follow-up from 4/1 David Paganelli visit.
  + The meeting was audio-recorded.
  + Dave Paganelli, who is the county forester, indicated that he would like to be the forester for the mountain. As county forester, his services would be free.
  + Jeff Smith is the current forester.
  + The committee agreed to pursue the possibility of appointing Dave as the forester. Dianne and Tom will advise the select-board of the committee’s recommendation. They will also discuss with Dave and follow up on references.
  + Jeff Smith has indicated that he would be willing to share his data if another forester is appointed.
* Survey Monkey update and questions
  + Dianne advised that up to 10 questions is free.
  + The committee members will circulate potential questions via email.
* Management Plan
  + Tom provided edited copies of a portion of the Interim Management Plan as a starting point for the discussion.
  + Most of the discussion revolved around road maintenance, road access and potential parking lot location.
  + Dianne suggested that we need to include plan goals in the document.
* Preparation for two public meetings and three boundary walks.
  + Public Meetings
    - West Newbury Hall on Wednesday 5/8 at 6:30 PM
    - Tenney Memorial Library on Thursday 5/16 at 6:30 PM
  + Boundary Walks
    - 4/20 walk cancelled due to weather conditions
    - 4/22 8AM assessment of view clearing on top
    - 4/27 8AM boundary walk
* John Nininger provided a review of the VT Woodland Association Annual Meeting from which he gathered some interesting information. More detail discussion will come after the public meetings and work on the management plan has progressed.
* Invitations for future meetings
  + Jeff Smith, current forester
  + Law Enforcement
  + Carl Russell, information on horse logging
* Other Business
  + Tom brought to the committee’s attention The Newbury Trails meeting on April 24, at 6:30 at Tenney Library that the Conservation Commission is sponsoring.
  + Kirk advised that his wife would be willing to set up a Facebook page for the committee. The committee agreed this would be a great idea and asked Kirk to thank his wife.
* Dianne moved and John seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Kathy Damon