**Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee**

***Draft Minutes***

**What:** Minutes

**When:** May 20, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Committee:** Tom Kidder- Co-Chair, Dianne Norton - Co-Chair, Kirk Morrison, Kathy Damon, Courtney Blake, John Ninniger

**Guests**: None

**Public**: None

* 6:35: Tom Kidder moved the meeting to order
* Review of Minutes
  + Minutes of 4/15/2019 accepted with correction. Kathy moved and Kirk seconded
  + Minutes of 5/6/2019 accepted as written. John moved and Kirk seconded
* Oxbow Community Service Day Report
  + There were 13 students and one teacher. John and Tom participated. A good day.
  + The students collected 10 bags of trash, moving rocks in preparation of brush-hogging, and worked on clearing the stonewall with hand tools.
* New vandalism/erosion/law enforcement meeting
  + There is new vandalism as a result of motorized vehicles on the summit. The result is more erosion. Will discuss what actions can be taken at our next meeting which includes law enforcement.
  + The sign was changed from No Public Travel (which some interpreted as no admittance) to No Motorized Vehicles.
  + Questions for next meeting with law enforcement.
    - The state police will be there. Have not yet heard from the game warden or the sheriff.
    - What can the law enforcement agencies do for us?
    - What can we do to assist law enforcement with follow-up?
      * Game cameras?
      * Is there a specific number to be called to report incidents?
      * If we call, does it make a difference?
      * If we know of a party, will they go to the area?
    - The select-board has been invited. Alma has committed to attending.
  + Community Input Regarding Town Forest
    - Both meetings were well attended with positive discussions and suggestions.
    - Received 80 responses to Survey Monkey. There will be further discussion at a later date after committee members have a chance to review a compilation of questions and responses.
      * Summary
        + A lot of interest to be able to access the summit (or close to) by vehicle, particularly for those town folks unable to make the walk. Continued discussion about the road from West Newbury.
        + Action items for this year

Signage and Kiosks:

John will work on a design for the kiosks.

Tom to discuss with Andrea to see if she can do research on what type of signs we should have, where they can be made, what they should look like.

Parking lot on West Newbury side:

Meet with Bob Beaulieu at the proposed site for his input and recommendations.

Possibility of having River Bend students do the work.

Once there is a plan, get estimates.

Outhouse at parking lot:

Perhaps have River Bend students do the work.

Tucker Mountain Forest logo contest in the fall.

Will need input from the Vermont Land Trust.

* Other Business
  + Town Forester. Dave Paganelli has been offered and accepted the position to be Tucker Mountain forester. The committee received a nice letter from Dave regarding his appointment and how he looks forward to working with the town.
  + New Hampshire Charitable Grant
    - Tom has submitted the paper work for a $5,000 grant for the Brontosaurus work. That is based on two estimates he received.
  + June 3 meeting is with law enforcement.
* Adjourn at 8:15, John moved and Courtney seconded.

Submitted by: Kathy Damon