

Gorham Town Forest Committee Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

Meeting Date: 10/9/18

Location: Gorham Water & Sewer Office Main Street

Attendees: Mike Waddell, Lee Carroll, Ted Miller, Glen Eastman, and Steve Malespini

Also Present: Jeff Tennis and Jason Hunter

Call to order:

Meeting opened by Mike Waddell at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes July 30th 2018:

Minutes of July 30, 2018 meeting were read. Motion to approve: Lee Carroll. Second: Ted Miller. Motion passed.

Access policy and Request for access to Forest Property:

Mike Waddell changed locks on gates due to abuse in access. Gorham Forest Committee policy is no motorized access GFC policy will be enforced. Motion to enforce Town Policy from Lee Carroll with a second by Glen Eastman, the board voted in the affirmative.

Tinker Brook parcel update:

Granite State Alliance request to build trail on Alpine Spring Parcel – Jason Hunter:

Jason Hunter discussed proposal for Alpine Spring Land owned by Town of Gorham. Would construct connector trail at a ¼ mile long using chainsaws, a pick and shovel.

Town Forest Master Plan – Discussion of Glade Skiing and trail development – Jason Hunter:

Jason Hunter discussed possibility of Glade Skiing.

Discussion about Bear Springs Trail snowmobile trail crossing conflict (almost 200' section). Wildlife population conflict also mentioned. Proposal to build trail to pipeline for access and avoid Bear Springs Trail.

Suggestions for sign for mountain bikes to avoid Bear Springs when there is snow on trail. Motion to approve: Ted Miller. Second: Steve Malespini. Motion passed.

Old Business:

USFS Community Forest Program \$450,000 awarded to Town of Gorham.

Open Space Institute awarded \$75,000 to Town of Gorham.

NHDES Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust fund subject to Governor & Council awarded \$300,000 to Town of Gorham.

Randolph Area Conservation Opportunity Fund to provide \$225,000.

Waiting to hear from LCHIP. We expect \$250,000.

Total \$1,050,000 so far, without the \$250,000.

Randolph Fund requires the sale of land outside of Gorham Water-Shed. Estimated acreage 160-200 acres. Need timber survey and land survey. Haven Neal and other forester will give value for timber.

New Business:

Set the next meeting date:

Once Mike has more information, he will call for another meeting.

Ted Miller left at 5:40 PM.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Lee Carroll. Second: Glen Eastman. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.