

Gorham Town Forest Committee

Minutes of the meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017, 5:30 PM at the Town Hall, First Floor meeting Room.

1. Call to Order. Meeting began at 5:30 PM with Mike Waddell, Chair, Lee Carroll, Glen Eastman, Steve Malespini, and Haven Neil. Sally Manikian from the "Conservation Fund" arrived shortly after the meeting started. Ted Miller was unavailable due to other commitments.

2 Approval of minutes of the May 18, 2017 Committee Meeting.

On motion by Lee Carroll, seconded by Glen Eastman the minutes were unanimously approved with no edits.

3. Harvest Plan for Winter 2017-2018.

Haven presented his recommendations for selective cutting in stand #27 to provide over-story removal and allow new growth to continue to grow. After much discussion it was **moved by Glen Eastman and seconded by Steve Malespini to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. New 10 Year Plan.

Haven reviewed the new plan he has assembled. There was some discussion, but the book needs to be reviewed by the members of the Committee. The copy was left in the hands of the Chair.

5. Sally Manikian discussed the present status of the Tinker Brook parcel. She indicated that her organization had identified several funding sources that would likely be involved with the acquisition and noted the final amount of the transaction will be dependent on professional evaluations yet to be obtained. There was discussion of other funding agencies that the Committee might be able to provide contacts for, namely DES. Lee indicated he would obtain contact information if he could and would provide that to Sally.

6 Old Business:

This was passed over.

7. New Business:

Mike indicated an interest in determining what other uses might be compatible for the Town Forest re hiking, etc. This will be discussed at future meetings.

8. Set date for next meeting: No meeting date was set, so it will be called at a date yet to be determined.

9. Adjourn

On a motion by Glen Eastman and seconded by Steve Malespini the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

