

Minutes... Stewardship Advisory Committee 4/6/2018

Call to order 7:17 PM Present: Joanne McGee, Jerry Wagener, Katherine Johnson (chair), Andrew Vernon absent: Bob Pasteris, Charlie Blanker

1. Minutes from 1/18/18 approved Katherine/Joanne, no dissent votes

2. Nick Fleck has sent in resignation letter to selectboard.

3. **King Philip's Hill**...Andrew will place sign in kiosk "Thank you for not digging on town conservation land!"

4. **Town forest**... Warrant, to ask for forester money, for town meeting (May 7) submitted by Katherine; there was some discussion about how much to ask for. The forester would guide the thinning project on Stand 3. Consensus is to ask for more than is needed, with explicit explanation that excess will be returned.

Short discussion on who might want to do the logging, and for what purpose. Wood bank possibilities explored, but only after forester expenses met.

Next step is to finish the bid request. Bob could help Katherine finish this, and start collecting bids for forester in May.

As far as a "forever wild" suggestion for the town forest, we can reconsider that for the other strands in town forest at a later time.

5. **MOU** with tribes for Ceremonial Landscape survey....Katherine reports that Con Comm is not interested in making an official agreement with the tribes. We welcome the Historical Society to request the surveys and we will include any findings to the best of our ability into a logging plan. Jerry will write a letter to Historical Comm. politely inviting them to survey and we would welcome the results.

6. **Trail report...**Katherine has recently walked Town Forest. Some large trees are down across the woods road near the loop trailhead.

King Philip's Hill: Jerry has redrawn some possible trails that stay within the property. We discussed possibilities.

7. **Unanticipated business:** April 21 next date for trail work on Ames property. We want to remind Mt. Grace to include us in the monitoring process. Here is the quote from the CR document: The property "is subject to a Conservation Restriction held by the Town of Northfield, under care and control of the Conservation Commission, for the purposes of conservation and passive recreation, in perpetuity." **Mount Grace is there for** "Stewardship assistance and Sanctuary maintenance/trail development: As per MOU with Town of Northfield."

Next meeting 5/3/18, 7:00 PM town hall.

Adjourned 8:33 Katherine/Jerry