

**Forest Advisory Committee**  
**August 7, 2013**

**Members Present:** Rob Hatch, Ron Newbury, Chuck Depew, Dave Charrette

**Members Absent:** Ernie Day Jr., Janet Johnson, Janet Meyers

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm

**Minutes**

There was a motion by Ron, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes from June 5, 2013 as written. All were in favor.

**Town Forest Work**

The board reviewed work needing to be done in the forest with members volunteering to do projects.

- Ron- The trail behind Maryø Mountain kiosk needs brush cut back and blue trail markers need to be repainted. The blue paint markers are fading.

- Dave- Cut down of a tree overhanging the Jackman Trail.

Rob asked Dave to give him a price for backhoe work for a day. Projects needing completion are:

- Gate 4 & 5, at the Maryø Mountain kiosk, the camping people are going around the gates.

Rocks need to be moved to block trails.

- Pequawket Gate: The concrete counter balance needs to be put back onto the gate for balance.

- Beaver piping needs to be redone

- On the Jackman Trail:  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way out-culvert needs replacing. This will be a project for next year because a new culvert needs to be ordered.

**NHDES Grant**

Rob informed the board that the NHDES Grant is not happening because supplemental paperwork from DES was not received.

**Town Forest Survey**

The Town Forest Survey has been completed.

**Motor Boats on Trout Pond**

Freedom is waiting on final approval for no power motors on trout pond. When this is received signs will be placed to inform the public.

**Town Forest Slide Show**

Dave had pictures of the Town Forest and Rob is going out to take pictures on his own.

**Invoice**

BH Keith

Invoice# - 01-3041

Date ó 08/02/13

Activity Period ó June 1, 2013 ó July 31, 2013

Re: Timber sale layout and forest administration

BH Keith, Principal, 5.0 hrs. @ \$50/hr.	\$250.00
R. Gerard, Chief Forester, 1.5 hrs. @ \$40/hr.	\$ 60.00
TOTAL	\$310.00

A detailed time sheet was attached.

There was a motion by Dave, seconded by Rob, to approve invoice #01-3041 for \$310.00 from BH Keith. All were in favor.

**Other Motions**

**Extension of 2013 Town Forest Cut**

Rob explained that by extending the 2013 cut Freedom would receive a greater return on revenue. This would put the 2013 budget over by \$1,500. After discussion there was a motion by Ron, seconded by Chuck, to extend the 2013 Town Forest Cut and appropriate the amount of \$1,500.00 to do so. All were in favor.

**Control Burn**

Rob explained that preliminary work needs to be done in order to have a control burn, on 20 acres of town forest, in the future. The acres in question need to be thinned out 2 years before scheduling a control burn. The marketability of the hardwood will be revenue and cover the cost of the future burn. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Dave, to appropriate the amount of \$1,000 over and above the 2013 budget to move ahead with thinning out the trees in a 20 acre control burn site in conjunction with the 2013 cut in stand #7, compartment #2. All were in favor.

Barry suggested sending a letter to Purity Spring Resort asking them to keep their golf carts on their own property. These carts are ruining a landing full of clover. Rob will pursue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.