

Tunbridge Town Forest Committee – October 18, 2017 Town Office - approved

David Kimball, Brenda Field, Lee Lawrence, Dan 'rudi' Ruddell, Larry Mengedoght, Gary Mullen

Meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Calvin Johnson has sent a signed contract for logging this winter. Farmers almanac forecast is for a good snow season; fingers crossed. Both lots will be logged (Town Garage and Drew Lot).

Brenda gave a summary of the week spent by Chelsea and Tunbridge school students on the Town Garage Lot. The week went well, with numerous activities, guest speakers, cooking, crafts, etc. The site is well suited and may be able to benefit from some simple improvements such as access road improvement, old log landing levelling (post-harvest), moving access further from Town Garage. Deer and a bear were flushed at different times during the week, VINS brought birds, Upper Valley Trails Alliance came. Some interest in other grades possibly going up this fall as well.

Gary wondered if we might be able to trade some of the proceeds from the harvest with Calvin for equipment work toward some of these identified ends. Harvest of pine off Stand 3 last summer yielded roughly \$900.

Lee wondered if we should revisit portions of the management plan referencing education.

Dave pointed out that UV Trails Alliance will assist towns in finding grants for trail development, etc. May be worth looking into post-harvest.

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Next meeting November 15, 2017, 7 pm at the Town Office.

Meeting adjourned 7:40.