

Tunbridge Town Forest Committee – August 21, 2019, Town Office

Larry Mengedoht, David Kimball, Brenda Field, Gary Mullen, Dan 'rudi' Ruddell, guests Elaine Howe and Amy Bogardus, Mike Bogardus

Meeting to order at 7:12 pm

Amy and Elaine spoke about plans for fall 2019 Curiousitorium

Intro day about the woods on Sept. 24, importance of town forest, what has gone into management

Sept. 30 – Oct 4 full week: 5 days straight, all day

Station work in mornings; variety of activities

Lunch prepared on-site

Sit spots in afternoon, as well as:

Monday: 'Curiosity time' including bucket collections designed to engage students in their surroundings

Tuesday: Canine day

Wednesday: hopefully Fish & Wildlife about bears

Thursday: VINS (has been one of the most popular programs)

Friday: speaker from a state agency; Friday also includes lunchtime invite for community to come

Mike noted planning about infrastructure would benefit from considering future logging so as to not be impacted or interfere with activities

Discussion ensued about good locations for infrastructure; will be followed with field visits, enthusiastic response for continuing these conversations and planning

Work day for sit stumps and fire pit for Curiousitorium? May need two days

Hope to coordinate with Jim Welch as he buttons up the lot post-harvest so that some materials might be left on hand if convenient; he has already left some material for fires and shelters

Gary presented info on harvest yields on Town Garage Lot, now nearing completion

Town Treasurer has advised that a vote should be taken at Town Meeting to create fund for proceeds of harvests

We will refer to the Vermont Town Forest Stewardship Guide that came out a few years ago for info on setting this fund up and creating guidelines for its use; especially interested in educational emphasis

Brenda spoke about project documenting large trees in town; there are published guidelines on measurements to be taken (dbh, height, crown spread in 2 directions); general enthusiasm expressed for this, we will get more info on status of this documentation both statewide and on town-by-town basis

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm