

January 4, 2023

Town Forest Committee meeting notes

Tunbridge Town Office

Meeting opened at 8:03 pm

Present: Gary Mullen, Dave Kimball, Gordy Barnaby, Brenda Field, Fred Pond, Dan 'rudi' Ruddell, Jonathan Bicknell, Larry Mengedoht, Michael Sacca.

ARPA – Fred has been working on application; original proposal had been for \$12K; Gordy moved sticking with this figure, Larry seconded; voted unanimous

***Fred asks for feedback on Criteria on back of application by Monday Jan. 9

RTP grant explained, supported.

Michael: Trail access to Drew Lot (ARPA funds) – Conservation Commission wants to partner with others (Trails, Planning, etc); 5-10K for spur trail connecting to town.

Michael has been speaking with Sam Brakeley of Hermit Woods Trailbuilders about this for a while, would hope for volunteer components.

Brenda has some input from David Paganelli on trail uses, requests close cooperation with Trails Committee.

Brenda notes ongoing concerns about wells, liability; spur trail would potentially go through this area.

Brenda believes trails committee is working on landowner liability issues, agreement forms etc.

Jonathan asks for clarification on how this became a priority.

Michael asks for Town Forest Committee to be a partner on ARPA application for spur trail; Larry tries to focus what the motion is.

Michael says Conservation Commission is prepared to be lead.

Primary point at this point is support for concept

Larry moves to support concept, Gary seconds; voted unanimously to support concept and development through ARPA application.

Brenda and Jonathan planning a walk on Drew Lot this weekend (January 7-8).

Update on current treatment – Jimmy on hold due to shift in weather- too warm, needs to freeze again; had gotten at least two loads during previous cold stretch.

Brenda has Other Business: set aside money for fixing up road on Drew Lot – culvert may need to be extended; wants to consult Rod on what is needed to address

Approval of minutes from last meeting on Zoom December 13, 2022, as well as minutes from August 17, 2022. Fred moved, Rudi seconded, all agreed.

Adjourned 9:07