

October 5, 2023

Town Forest Committee meeting minutes (currently not approved)

Meeting opened at 7:43 pm

Present: Larry Mengedoht, Brenda Field, Dave Kimball, Gary Mullen, Dan 'rudi' Ruddell

Agenda items:

Drew Forest update

Post harvest walk with David Paganelli and planning, advertising

Update of finishing up on Garage Lot - Gary

Picking a new name for the Garage lot

Grant items and timeline- Rudi

Drew Forest update

Bulldozer just left this morning; a bit rough due to nature of year (rain, windstorm), hard to be as thorough as normal. Job is closed out now.

Brenda concerned about waterbars being a bit 'rugged'; Dave K will bring his tractor up if needed to address

Butternut at Brenda's house for now – Roger Sammel got it there, Brenda hoping Shane will pick it up for sawing in future

Brenda would like to make a kiosk out of the butternut for Drew Lot

Brenda says 4 piles of lumber left: 2 are for road crew covered bridge work; 2 are for us to use

~~Oct. 21~~ UPDATED: NOV. 4 post-harvest walk with David Paganelli, 9-11 am; Brenda will try to get cider there (update to Nov. 4 due to late scheduling conflict, current as of 10/11/2023)

Larry may extend wider invite to Coverts, who may be having a meet and greet with David Paganelli at Brocklebank Brewery on that same date. Further discussion leans toward not doing this, in the interest of having a more specifically Tunbridge audience able to hear David Paganelli better.

Target groups for advertising post-harvest walk: Town Forest Committee, Trails Committee, Conservation Commission, Walking Group

Finishing up Drew Lot: need to talk to Matt L. Brenda concerned about water puddling around footings of pavilion. Gary will check in with him, currently working next door

No news on RTP grant, entire process slowed dramatically after Sherrie Winnie retired from FPR

Discussion and decision to proceed with getting seed for road and slope on new access – roughly 2 ac, Brenda will look into getting a mix of rye seed and conservation mix

Further discussion continuing on a MOU between Town Forest Committee and any groups looking to use it (Hartford has one worth looking at)

Discussion of trails in Drew Lot - recommending avoidance of western side of lot for now, until situation with wells is resolved better (currently potential hazard issues)

Meeting adjourned 8:38