

February 21, 2024

Town Forest Committee meeting minutes (currently not approved)

Meeting opened at 7:20 pm

Present: Larry Mengedoht, Dave Kimball, Gary Mullen (lacked quorum)

Guests: Jonathan Bicknell, Thornton Hayslett

Agenda items:

Memorandum of Understanding for uses of Town Forest (separate MOU for each Lot)

Reviewed MOUs drafted by Larry and Brenda in consultation with Paul Harwood

Recommended to add language for “Carry In, Carry Out” policy to both MOUs; revised drafts attached

MOUs to be sent to Town Forest committee members for review or recommended changes, then brought to the Selectboard for approval

No other business discussed

Next meeting March 20, 2024

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

Draft-3/1/2024

**Rules of Use
for the
Tunbridge Town Forest “Garage Lot”**

The Property is Considered a “Carry In and Carry Out” Area

Allowed Uses:

- Foot travel on roads and trails, including hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, etc.
- Bicycles (manual or Class 1 E-bikes).
- Dogs on leashes (in keeping with Town Dog Ordinance).
- Horses on designated trails.
- Parking at designated location(s). May or may not be maintained open during winter conditions.
- Group recreational/educational/personal use as authorized and permitted by the Forest Committee upon a written request. Permission may be granted to park vehicles at the Pavilion area during group activities, otherwise parking will be below the gate in the designated area.
- Hunting during established hunting seasons and in accordance with VT State licensing and regulations.
- Campfires are allowed only within the designated fire pit located near the Pavilion or otherwise for specific educational events as permitted by the Forest Committee after a written request.
- Other uses will be considered as permitted by the Forest Committee after written requests.

Prohibited Uses:

- Building, establishing or creating trails is strictly prohibited unless specific authorization is granted by the Forest Committee after a written request.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles (including ATV's, snowmobiles, motorcycles, etc,) are prohibited beyond the Pavillion area, except as related to approved timber harvesting operations or for authorized property maintenance or for emergency rescue purposes.
- Harvesting plant material (plants, flowers, fungi, mushrooms, etc.) is prohibited.
- Overnight camping within the property or Pavilion area may be allowed, but only after receipt of granted permission by Forest Committee after a written request.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Select Board Approval

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

Draft-3/1/2024

Rules of Use for the Tunbridge Town Forest “Drew Road Lot”

The Property is Considered a “Carry In and Carry Out” Area

Allowed Uses:

- Foot travel on roads and trails, including hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, etc.
- Dogs on leashes (in keeping with Town Dog Ordinance).
- Parking at designated location. May or may not be maintained open during winter conditions. Please don't park along Drew Road.
- Group recreational use as authorized/permitted by the Forest Committee after a written request.
- Hunting during established hunting seasons and in accordance with VT State licensing and regulations.
- Other uses will be considered as permitted by Forest Committee after a written request.

Prohibited Uses:

- Building, establishing or creating trails is strictly prohibited without specific authorization granted by the Forest Committee after a written request.
- Bicycles (manual or E-bikes) are prohibited.

- Trapping is prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited, (including ATV's, snowmobiles, motorcycles, etc.) except as related to approved timber harvesting operations or for authorized property maintenance or for emergency rescue purposes.
- Harvesting plant material (plants, flowers, fungi, mushrooms, etc.) is prohibited.
- Horses on trails or roads are prohibited.
- Overnight camping within the property or parking area is prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- Campfires are prohibited.

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