

FMC Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023

1. In attendance:
 - a. Lise L, Robert S, Wayne R, Cheryl B, Al L, Wilbert S, Jane G, and Lisa G.
 - b. Absent Rafe D.
2. WPOA Charge Report was reviewed and though the ultimate charge was acknowledged, the individual objectives will be developed overtime.
3. Old Business:
 - a. After a review of the FMC expenses, a brief discussion ensued regarding the continued need to maintain a workable reserve amount for planned and unplanned work
 - b. Budget request t- \$3,000 + (\$500 Trails)
 - c. Quarterly Progress report to the board will be completed by the FMC
4. New Business:
 - a. Discussion regarding Data Collection to be done by Adam Brown
 - i. Three plots recommended: two southerly and one Northwest, each in a different stand area.
 1. USDA Forest Service Forest Health indicators will be used.
 2. Lise will contact Adam to see when he feels the timing for these can be done after approval from the board is given and community informed.
 3. Lise will look into soil sensors to collect soil data, such as hydrology and bring back to the committee.
 4. Wilbert will compile a rationale summary for value of data collection for the BOD and community.
 5. Newsletter Article Due March 23.
 - ii. The Committee will seek the BOD permission to have Adam complete boundary markers in a region of the property currently where WPOA boundary is not clear and abuts private property.
 - b. Trails
 - i. After discussion regarding the importance of trails to WPOA it was decided that a small addition will be added.
 - ii. Lise will reach out to Adam to arrange a time for him to come to work on the new Owl's Nest trail layout and discussion options.
 1. This trail will provide a small family loop and will eliminate a hill for those who find it difficult.
 - c. New Committee Member.
 - i. After observing the meeting and expressing an interest, the committee invited Lisa Gaudreau to officially be part of the committee. Welcome.
5. Next Meeting TBD

June 27, 2023 6:30 PM. Forest Management Committee Minutes

- In attendance: Lise L, Cheryl B, Rafe D, Wayne R, Robert S, Lisa G, Jane G,
- Discussed New Family Friendly Loop Trail- Layout done with orange flags by Adam B of ShireForestry, Robert S and Lise L. Needed to be less steep and creates an interesting loop.
 - Hope to engage Greenagers- Elia- for an estimate- Work in Fall 2024.
 - Budgeted \$400- Actual cost \$300 ShireForestry
 - Fall would be a good time for a WPOA work party
 - Jane will check into insurance requirements for Greenagers to do the more difficult work to prevent erosion and slippery.
- Invasive watch
 - The meadow-
 - Good, but bittersweet is coming back.
 - Work party with help of seasonal employees.
 - Jane will check with charity to see if there is a good time for seasonal employees after big summer work.
 - Rafe will check into the Boy Scouts to help and will verify scout insurance.
- Discussed Forest Health-
 - Long Term monitoring-
 - Discussed and approved the purchase of an app for recording the data, \$20/month (\$240/year) where we are the subscribers, but Adam can use to actually record data. Adam will reach out in July.
 - Fast Field Forms App.
 - Rafe suggested that Adam give a presentation.
 - Discussed various Soil Monitoring devices.
 - Discuss soil moisture and temperature, [TEROS 54](#)-- One kit is purchased together for \$1050, but we would need 3 kits.
 - Discussed Lesser expensive version: [HOBO MX Soil Moisture and Temperature Data Logger](#): at Moisture and temp-\$400. But still times 3, \$1200.
 - Tabled this for now. Perhaps a college group would be willing.
 - Individual Tree Health- Property Owners can make decisions different from WPOA common.
 - Current Issues
 - [Beech Bark Disease](#)
 - [Beech Leaf Disease](#).
 - [Hemlock Woolly Adelgid](#)
- Adam Brown Shire Forestry
 - Boundary marker and research plots to be done as his time allows.
- Other Business
- Adjourn

