

Meeting opened at 9:35am**Members present:**

- Dana Rowe
- Doug Doty
- Alison Polido

Staff present:

- Rich Wallner

Agenda Issues Discussed:

1. Chairperson reported on meeting regarding Willis Woods
 - a. Currently not applicable to Forest Committee, however possible future relevance if it gives us access to the Smith property
2. Chairperson reported on Essex Agricultural findings
 - a. Chairperson called Essex Agricultural School's Forestry program to see if there is any interest in taking on this project as a school project
 - b. Local schools do not offer this service, so verbal assurance given that Essex Agricultural would consider the North Reading application even though it is technically outside of their jurisdiction
 - c. Application forms distributed to committee members to look through and consider before next meeting
 - d. Noted that we would need to supply materials and equipment
 - e. Unclear when application would be due, need to look into this
3. Horsley Witten
 - a. Zoom meeting scheduled for 10am with representative from Horsley Witten, Brian Kuchar, however representative did not show up. Call placed and message left for him.
 - b. Consider finding ways to make North Reading project more attractive to Horsley Witten in order to increase prioritization
4. Needham Conservation agent
 - a. Secretary reported that the Needham conservation agent was recommended as a possible avenue to finding a consultant, however unable to find contact information
 - b. If Horsley Witten and/or Essex Agricultural do not work out, consider trying to find this information again
5. DCR project list
 - a. Select board liaison sent out list of completed DCR projects and starred ones that were similar to the North Reading project. He suggested reaching out to the towns of these projects for leads on consultants and/or suggestions on how to proceed
6. Hike
 - a. Set up member hike to review and photograph trails and look for possible smaller projects for either Essex Agricultural or Scout troops who expressed interest over the summer

7. Minutes from 10/13/2021 meeting unanimously approved

Next Meeting Scheduled: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:30am
Location: Town Hall room 14
Notice of Meeting filed: December 3, 2021 by committee secretary

Meeting Adjournment at 10:25am

Respectfully Submitted
Alison Polido, Secretary