

Meeting opened at 9:04am**Members present:**

- Dana Rowe
- Doug Doty
- Alison Polido

Staff present:

- Rich Wallner

Committee Elections Held:

- Dana Rowe re-elected as Chairperson
- Alison Polido elected as Secretary

Agenda Issues Discussed:

1. Step 1 and step 2 cuttings in the Swan Pond area resulted in money that was deposited into a select board account.
 - a. Need to find out how much is in the account
 - b. Goal is to use the money to buy new forestry equipment such as chainsaws and shovels
2. Need to find working keys for access gates at Swan Pond
3. Speak with select board about possible new by-law to prohibit unauthorized use of motor vehicles on town, school, and conservation land
 - a. Note that motorized wheelchairs would be considered authorized motor vehicles
 - b. Talk to DPW (Joe Parisi) about moving boulders to block unauthorized motor vehicles from accessing trails in the Swan Pond area
4. Reach out to girl/boy/eagle scouts regarding trail maintenance/Tree trimming project(s)
 - a. Also consider reaching out via the Transcript and social media to recruit volunteers
 - b. Reach out to Andover Trails leadership (Bob Decelle: Rhdecelle@gmail.com) to discuss the logistics of their yearly tree cutting events and get suggestions for possible similar programs in North Reading
5. Talk to select board about request for hunting permission and/or registration information
6. Initiate program to survey and map trails, including length and trail information
 - a. Name trails
 - b. Commission signs for trails
7. Enquire about increasing forest committee numbers or the possibility of having associate or volunteer members
8. Speak to DPW about changing the access and parking area for Swan Pond trails
9. Look into step 3 of the cutting program
 - a. Reach out to forester (John Roberts)
 - b. Compile all paperwork regarding the cutting program (Karen Marlin)
 - c. Get approval to move ahead with step 3 cutting

10. Improve Forest Committee webpage
 - a. Work with Karen Marlin to add Forest Committee page link to overarching committee list page
 - b. Look into other committee pages for webpage organizational ideas
11. Schedule next meeting

General Takeaways:

1. Gather all current maps and information regarding forest committee and land
2. Develop forest committee master plan
3. Procure resources including equipment & volunteers

Next Meeting Scheduled: Friday, July 16th, 2021 at 8:30am

Location: Town Hall room 14

Notice of Meeting filed: June 11, 2021 by committee secretary

Meeting Adjournment at 10:07am

Respectfully Submitted
Alison Polido, Secretary