

**Meeting opened at 9:53am****Members present:**

- Dana Rowe
- Alison Polido
- Doug Doty

**Staff present:**

- Rich Wallner
- Karen Marlin

**Agenda Issues Discussed:**

1. Update given by Karen Marlin regarding funding
  - a. Currently a little over \$3700 in account for specific Forest Committee educational and service programs
  - b. Would need to request further funding from the town if/when needed
  - c. Discussed the idea of looking into federal and/or grant funding opportunities
2. Paperwork on prior cutting programs identified and disseminated by Karen Marlin
  - a. Voted 3-0 to pause efforts on step 3 of the cutting program
    - i. Timber prices do not warrant the effort at this time
    - ii. Would need new approval from the state as the original approval has expired
3. Confirmed that the Smith, Eisenhower, and Swan Pond properties fall under the Forest Committee statute
  - a. Voted 3-0 to focus only on the Swan Pond property at this time
4. Identified priorities for the Forest Committee master plan
  - a. Consider using a consultant for professional opinion on plan for programs
  - b. Trail survey program
    - i. Identify all trails under the purview of the Forest Committee
      1. Map obtained
    - ii. Name all trails
    - iii. Trail markers for trails
    - iv. Commission signs for trail
      1. Identify agreed upon rules and regulations to include on sign
      2. Contact Eagle/Boy/Girl Scouts for possible assistance
        - a. John Barrett – Boy scouts?
        - b. Rebecca & Nicole – Girl scouts?
    - v. Design trail maps for public use
  - c. Trail maintenance programs
    - i. Obtain or design waiver for volunteers
    - ii. Procure funding
      1. Possibly some federal options for increasing accessibility
    - iii. Discussed social media avenues for finding volunteers

- d. Address Swan Pond safety & accessibility issues
  - i. Consider ways mechanically block access to unauthorized vehicles
    - 1. DPW contacted, but said it would require funding
  - ii. Speak to Select board regarding the following:
    - 1. Possible new by-law to prohibit unauthorized use of motor vehicles on town, school, and conservation land (*Note that motorized wheelchairs would be considered authorized vehicles*)
- 5. Again discussed the possibility of/need for associate members to help with workload
- 6. Voted to approve previous meeting minutes
- 7. Scheduled next meeting

**Next Meeting Scheduled:** Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:00pm  
**Location:** Town Hall room 14  
**Notice of Meeting filed:** September 1, 2021 by committee secretary

**Meeting Adjournment at 10:50 am**

Respectfully Submitted  
Alison Polido, Secretary