

Minutes

Community Forest – Special Meeting

Monday, August 6, 2018

6:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Eugene R., Chris M., Yvan D., Morgan W.

Others Present: Greg N., Frank S., Noreen L., Matt Langlais

- I. Call to Order: **6:00 p.m.**
- II. Discussion/Action – Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2018

Motion MW Second YD Action approved 4-0
- III. Distribution/Discussion - Review of Financials (if available) – M. Wade

The committee did not review financials. Noreen noted that there was little change and nothing unusual.
- IV. Discussion – Communication with Vermont Land Trust as to Building a Road from the Northern Entrance to the CCF – Morgan and Chris

After a number of attempts at getting an answer from VLT as to the feasibility of putting a road to the water tank from the northern (route 253) entrance, Morgan finally got a response from Dan Kilborn. Dan made it clear that it was probably “not feasible” and the VLT would be “very difficult to convince” that this was an allowable use of the land.
- V. Discussion/Action – Approval of Moving Forward with Original Plan for Road Bypass as Originally Agreed

Motion ER Second MW Action motion passed 4-0
- VI. Discussion – Anticipated Timber Harvest in 2019 – Matt Langlais

County Forester, Matt Langlais discussed the forest harvest planned for winter 2019. Matt recommended delaying this harvest until ~2021 based on the fact that it could be combined with another harvest that will be due (on previously cut portions). Matt also felt that this may also help leave the stand with a better stand structure following the harvest. The committee agreed with Matt’s recommendations.

VII. Discussion – Update on Town Composting Issue – Greg

Greg and the selectmen had wanted to use a portion of the open area on the north end of the CCF as a composting site. However, at this time, they have shelved this idea and are leaning more towards sending composted waste to East Hereford (if allowable).

VIII. Discussion – Update on Greenhouse and Use of Property by DAgnR Students
Chris informed the Committee that, at this time, there is no plan for a greenhouse on the CCF as the Canaan School Board would like it to be closer to the school. They are looking at a spot on the playground. Other educational uses of the CCF were discussed including: Christmas trees, apple trees, bees keeping, small animals, etc.

IX. Other Business -

Discussed with Matt L. another possible Working Woodlands grant. There is \$100,000 total, \$20,000 per grant available for “service grants” this year. Matt indicated that the reviewers like to see “growth and success” and that another grant would be possible. Letters of intent are due later this fall.

Mountain biking was also discussed along with the possibility of connecting the CCF to Burke and East Hereford’s trail systems. Cost to build trails? ~\$23,000 per mile.

Adjournment - Motion MW Second YD Action motion passed 4-0
Time 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting regularly scheduled meeting is **September 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**