TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES (Draft Copy)

**DATE:** May 5, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Crosby, Chair; Woody Bowne, Vice Chair; Fred Mullen, Treasurer;

 Bryan Comeau, Forester; Ron Jarvis, Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** February 3, 2021 meeting minutes were amended to read *winter sand* in

place of the word *gravel*. The minutes were accepted as amended.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurers report was accepted as read.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bryan Comeau spoke to the realtor selling parcel I2-02-0. On behalf of

the TFC, Bryan had offered $90,000.00 as he was authorized to do by the

Committee. The realtor seemed positive at that time. In recent

discussions with the realtor, Bryan leaned that the owner had received an

offer of $130,000.00 and asked if we could meet that offer. Brian

explained that we could not. The TFC decided to wait and make an offer

to the new owner for some of the backland.

Bryan also mentioned that the committee might be able to leverage more

land if we tried to work land deals using groups like 5 Rivers.

There was more discussion concerning a forest management plan for the

parcels under the supervision of the TFC. The Committee seemed to be in

agreement that Bryan as a forester would be the one to complete the task,

but needed to be sure there was no conflict of interest having a member of

the Committee working for the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Selectman Dave Nault asked the committee to fund the replacement of a

 couple trees on the Town common. Sugar Maples seemed to be the tree of

 choice to match the existing trees. Dave will research pricing and

 availability and get back to the TFC. The Committee said they could hold

 a Special Meeting if necessary to approve funds for the trees and planting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:30 at the Fire Station

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Ron Jarvis, Secretary