**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES** (Draft Copy)

**November 3, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Crosby, Chairman; Woody Bowne, Vise -Chair; Fred Mullen, Treasurer; Bryan Comeau, Forester; Ron Jarvis, Secretary – No absentees

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Accepted as presented

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Accepted as presented

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**STARK PIT** The TFC has been in negotiations with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) (Forest Society) concerning the extraction of gravel from the Stark Pit which is located off of Ray Road and within the Winslow Town Forest. The Forest Society is the easement holder and therefore maintains an executory interest in the Winslow acreage. As the easement holder the SPNHF has the responsibility to see that the easement language is adhered to. The SPNHF, through its’ representatives, Stacie Hernandez and Naomi Brattlof, has set bounds within the gravel pit where the Town of Dunbarton may mine the remainder of the gravel. The Town agrees that as portions of the pit are mined, they should be reclaimed as the Town has been doing. The Town Forest Committee who oversees the Winslow Town Forest also oversees the mining. The TFC disagrees slightly with the map drawn by the Forest Society concerning the area from which the gravel may be extracted in the future. Bryan Comeau will draft a letter of explanation and produce a new map showing what the Committee thinks is a reasonable alternative for how much more material may be removed and from what areas. Said letter and map will be sent to the Forest Society from the TFC.

**TUCKER HILL ESTATES:** Ron Jarvis reported to the Committee that after examining the deed for Lot E3-02-52 and specifically Section B which is under the control of the TFC, he saw nothing that indicated that the Committee had any responsibility to maintain a view shed for the residents of Tucker Hill Estates. This was in response to NEW BUSINESS as reported in the August minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNUAL INSPECTION OF WINSLOW TOWN FOREST:** Thursday, November 14 was the Annual inspection of the Winslow Town Forests by the SPNHF. This is a required yearly inspection. The Stark pit is within the Winslow Town Forest, but this annual inspection includes all of the Winslow land including the gravel pit. Each year a member of the TFC and a SPNHF representative walk the Winslow Forest to verify that it is being overseen by the TFC in agreement with the terms of the easement. Fred Mullen accompanied Stacie Hernandez on this year’s inspection.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Bryan Comeau will produce a map and letter to be sent to the SPNHF.

**MEETING ADJORNED:** 9:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Ron Jarvis, Secretary