**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Crosby, Chairman; Woody Bowne, Vice-Chair; Fred Mullen, Treasurer; Ron Jarvis, Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryan Comeau, Forester

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** November 2021 minutes were accepted after NEW BUSINESS was amended to read: Thursday October 14, was the annual inspection.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Accepted as presented

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Stark Pond gravel pit:

 As discussed in previous minutes, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), also known as the Forest Society, holds an executory interest in the Winslow Town Forest where the Stark Pond gravel pit is located. The Town Forest Committee and the Forest Society have slightly differing opinions as to the western mining boundary of the gravel pit. Bryan Comeau drafted a letter and revised the SPNHF map of the Stark gravel pit to present to the Forest Society. The letter and the map explain what the Town Forest Committee would consider a mining boundary which reflects the area that was logged specifically for mining purposes. Ron Jarvis read Bryan’s letter aloud and the Committee agreed that it and the map conveyed the Committee’s viewpoint. Jeff Crosby will contact Bryan Comeau and get the letter signed so that it and the revised map can be mailed to the Forest Society.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee in an email from Bryan Comeau that a landlocked piece of property adjacent to an existing Town Forest lot was for sale. Ron Jarvis presented information and data from the tax card. The owner is asking approximately twice the current assessment. The Committee felt that the cost was out of line for a landlocked parcel which had been heavily logged of saleable species. The lot may be reconsidered if there is a price reduction.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Jeff Crosby will contact Bryan Comeau concerning the letter and map.

**MEETING ADJORNED:** 9:15 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** May 4, 2022, at 7:30 pm at the Dunbarton fire station

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Ron Jarvis