**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE (TFC)**

**MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**AUGUST 3, 2022**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryan Comeau, Forester

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The May minutes were accepted as presented.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Accepted as presented

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Stark Pond gravel pit:

Jeff Crosby stated that he hadn’t heard anything from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests concerning changes to the gravel mining as proposed by the TFC in a letter to the Society.

Tree planting on Town Common near Stark Statue:

Dave Nault has not gotten back to the TFC Committee with prices for the replacement of a tree near the Stark statue. As reported in the May minutes, the Committee agreed to pay for the tree and passed the following motion at that time. Motion: To see if the TFC will pay up to three thousand dollars ($3000.00) for the tree, its transportation and planting.” Motion PASSED.

Tucker Hill Tree Cutting:

The District Forest Ranger suggested that we pursue the cutting of the two dead trees on TFC controlled land with the local police which would have made it a crime issue. In the eyes of the TFC, cutting two dead trees, while improper, didn’t rise to the level of a crime worth prosecuting so the matter will be dropped unless future incursions of this type onto Town property occur.

Use of Stark Pit:

Ron Jarvis reported that the NEW ENGLAND K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE Company and their dogs were called in on a search and rescue as reported by Channel 9. This was the group who approached this Committee and requested to use the Stark gravel pit to conduct a portion of the canine training.

Two lots on Everett Road:

The two lots that it was suggested might be given to the TFC, may go on the market instead.

Use Of Existing Skid Road:

No one on the committee knew if Dave Nault had used the TFC skid road off Kimball Pond Road as he had requested and had been granted permission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Woody reported that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) was requiring the Transfer Station to put up “NO TRESPASSING” signs and some kind of fencing where natural barriers do not exist.

On a sad note, Mary White passed away after a long illness. She was the wife of Ed white, a longtime TFC member and Ex-Chair. Our condolences go out to our friend Ed, and his family.

**MEETING ADJORNED:** 9:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** November 2, 2022, at 7:30 pm at the Dunbarton fire station

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**  Ron Jarvis Secretary