**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE (TFC)**

**MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**NOV 2, 2022**

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

Bryan Comeau, Forester

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Accepted as presented

**THE STARK POND GRAVEL PIT:**

Jeff Crosby informed the Committee that he had met with Stacey Hernandez from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests concerning the Ray Road gravel pit. She seemed satisfied with the gravel pit usage and future plans. She asked if the committee would be interested in designating a portion of the reclamation as a turtle nesting area. Turtles have already been seen in the easterly area of the pit. The Committee, as in the past, would do nothing to discourage them.

**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 voted to pay for the tree.

**TWO LOTS ON EVERETT ROAD:**

The two lots that it was suggested might be given to the TFC, have gone on the market instead, so the Committee will not be pursuing them.

**TRANSFER STATION:**

Woody again 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. Woody reported that eight signs had been purchased.

**FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Bryan Comeau informed the TFC that the Forest Management Plan will be ready for the Committee’s approval and acceptance at the February meeting.

**MEETING ADJORNED:** 9:15 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** February 1, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the Dunbarton fire station

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**  Ron Jarvis Secretary