TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES – draft copy

**DATE:** November 6, 2019

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

 Ron Jarvis, Secretary; Bryan Comeau

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Crosby, Chair;

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** August first meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** In the past the TFC has paid for the pruning and replacement of trees on

 the town common. A tree in the triangle by the Stark statue died. The

 cause may have been from salt spray or salt in the ground. In August

Ron Jarvis volunteered to do some research and perhaps find a tree species

which is more tolerant of the conditions that exist within the triangle. Ron

updated the committee on his research. Some species of maple would

probably be the best choice. He would continue looking to find the best

option.

Woody gave the committee an update on the progress of the solar panel

installation. Work that was to begin in early July didn’t get started until

the beginning of August. The back array is complete and work had begun

on the front array. There will need to be some smoothing of the site so

that it can be mowed.

As reported by Bryan Comeau, the price of the lot beside the transfer

station has dropped to $175,000.00, still out of the price range of the TFC.

The consensus was that the parcel is rocky and wet and not a good prospect for development.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fred Mullen reported that he and Tracie Powers, an easement steward for

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF)

walked the Winslow Forest. Fred answered the concerns posed by Tracy

and the Society is satisfied with our forest management.

**CORRESPONDENCE**  None

**ACTION ITEMS:** Ron Jarvis will continue his research concerning tree species.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:30 at the Fire Station

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Ron Jarvis, Secretary