

Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting JULY 12, 2021 Minutes

Present

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau Erik Rasmussen Lisa Bozzuto Shelby Marshall (Alternate)	Michael Canales CTSB: Steven Borns Kevin Foran (Stockbridge Bowl Association)

- Matt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Matt made a motion to approve June 7th Minutes
 - Approved unanimously
- **Old Growth Forest Network** and **Tree City** Check-in
 - Matt is still getting info about the Tree City initiative
 - Matt: the Select Board has given us permission to pursue OGFN membership.
 - Lisa: Sarah from OGFN sent a letter today about it. Lisa is following up.
- **Ice Glen** Discussion
 - Matt and Mike: the state draft RFP includes three treatment options. We are interested only in Treatment type 1: basal bark spray. Mike will edit the RFP to eliminate options 2 and 3. He will get it out by next week.
 - Laurel Hill Association board members were invited to the current meeting, but they did not respond. We will invite them again.
 - Kevin Foran (known as Moose) on the Stockbridge Bowl Association attended the meeting. He manages Bullard Woods, which includes about 6 acres of old growth forest. How can he work with us?
 - He will email his contact info to Matt. Matt will follow up with him.
 - Ken Gooch recommended Mike Maury, forester, to prepare the forest stewardship plan for Ice Glen.
 - A motion to recommend Mike Maury to the Select Board passed unanimously. Mike Canales will bring the motion to the SB.
- **Stewardship Grants**
 - Shelby has prepared a spreadsheet that identifies those town-owned properties that qualify for forest stewardship plans. He has shared it with Lisa and will send it to the Commission.
 - We'll review it, get info about historical uses of the properties and any concerns or issues that people in town have about any of them, and then decide which properties to deal with each year.
 - Matt: Mike Buffoni may have a forester looking at the West Stockbridge Road (Rt. 102) property. There may be logging done there. Matt will find out about it.
 - For this year, we'll just do Ice Glen.
 - Lisa and Shelby will fill in the parts of the application we can do, and then we'll send it to Mike. He will complete the form.
- **Suppression Grants** Discussion
 - New applications will come out in Sept., and will be due in Nov.
 - Mike will get familiar with it, in order to determine how to proceed.
- **Adjournment** - Confirm next meeting date and time
 - Next meeting is Monday, August 2, at 6:30. It will be Zoom plus in-person.
 - At 7:09 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Motions

1. Motion to recommend that the Select Board designate Mike Maury as the forester for the Ice Glen Forest Stewardship Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

To Do items

- Matt
 - Follow up with Kevin Foran (Moose)
 - Follow up with Mike Buffoni about the West Stockbridge Road (Rt. 102) property
- Lisa
 - Follow up with the OGFN
- Shelby
 - Send the annotated spreadsheet of town-owned properties to the Commission.
- Lisa and Shelby
 - Talk tomorrow to get the Ice Glen forest stewardship plan application ready for Mike Canales
- The entire Commission
 - Will look at the spreadsheet of all Town properties, and learn about the properties that are contenders for forest stewardship plans. Then determine those properties for which to apply for Forest Stewardship Plans in future years.