



Date: 5/24/2023

Attendees:

- Liz Wilson
- Jeff Leombruno
- John Scully
- Gabe Porter
- Joe Trombly
- Dan McCombs

Absent:

- Ben Bade

## **Permits**

Paige Libbey from Jones & Beach and Dan Pearson from Glass Pro joined the meeting to discuss changes to plans that were previously supported by the Conservation Commission.

- Paige gave some background on the project
- Liz made a motion that the ECC supports the permit modification with the conditions as stated in the February 2022 approval with the addition that the Commission requests documentation to confirm that the conditions are satisfied. Dan seconded. Motion passed.

## **Lamprey River Forest**

Wendy Weisiger, Managing Forester and Steve Junkin, Licensed Forester from Society for the Protection of NH Forests ("Forest Society") joined us to talk about the timber harvest at the Lamprey River Forest land.

- Wendy gave some background on the Forest Society and what they do in the state.
- Wendy believes the Lamprey River Forest property was last harvested in 2003.
- Steve inventoried the property in 2019 and wrote a management plan that identifies needs on the property.
- They'll be using access off of Olde Bridge Lane and Prescott Road.
- They are taking the Red Pine due to the Red Pine scale.

- They expect to leave the White Pine and let that fill in where the red pine was, though the white pine will be thinned where needed.
- Outside of the red pine stands they'll mostly be thinning.
- Joe questioned how close they are planning to get to the river, and also how they handle any wetland areas on the property when cutting.
  - Wendy noted that any impacts are all temporary, and said they follow best practices for erosion control.
  - Wendy stated there is a 150ft impact area for a fourth order stream, where they can only harvest 50% of the basal area, and there is a no cut zone on 50% of the property near the river as well.
- Jeff asked about the markings on the trees. Green vs blue? Numbers?
  - Single blue slash means the tree should be harvested
  - Two slashes means end of cut
  - 3 slashes is boundary line
  - The numbers are from log buyers, and are used to direct the loggers how tall they should be cut.
  - Wendy said they are working with Charlie Moreno on this project, and he is the one doing the forestry consulting and he is the one directing the logging.
- Jeff questioned what the plan was for the existing trails on the property.
  - Wendy said existing trails were built without their knowledge. They do require trail building to go through a process with their organization.
  - They will need to assess trail use going forward. They want to ensure minimal impact to wildlife habitat.
  - Wendy did say that when they leave, there should be minimal slash left behind.
  - Wendy recommended a publication from Fish and Game called Trails for People and Wildlife
- Question about what to do with trees that were mistakenly marked on town property
  - Gabe made a motion to paint brown paint over the markings, motion passed.
- They mentioned the potential of doing a public timber harvest tour, which would be a public event for people to come learn about forestry. Wendy said they'd talk to their outreach folks about possibly doing this event.
- John Clark asked if the road that was put off of Olde Bridge Lane will be removed or left as is? Wendy said they haven't made that determination yet.

## **Photo Contest**

- Liz has not updated any of the contest information yet.

## **ADMIN**

- Budget - Dan has the numbers from March

| <b>Account Balances</b> |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Escrow                  | \$3,776   |
| LUCT                    | \$122,443 |
| Trust Fund              | \$2,020   |
| Operating Budget        | \$5,580   |

## **ADJOURN**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.