

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

Decisions taken are underlined.

20 February 2012

Members Attending: Jim Brimblecombe, John Domey, Angela Gibbons, and Jenny Warshow.

Activities: Members met at the Old Schoolhouse Common. The following matters were discussed:

1. Future Logging-Jenny would like to not have any logging for the next year. She has had complaints brought to her attention. She asked if anyone else had had the same response. John and Jim both said that they had had a positive response. Jenny feels that the people who donated money to see the Stranahan/Town Forest happen would not have done so if there was extensive logging. Jim would like more information on the balance of forest health with and without logging. After some discussion Jim said that he felt we should wait for Ed as he did not feel he could make an informed recommendation to the Selectboard without Ed's input. It was agreed to wait.
2. Thompson Road-Jenny would like to see \$1,000 from the logging go to gravel on the road. It was discussed whether this would help with the culvert at the bottom of the hill being too small. Jim suggested trying to get a new culvert, like a 24" to replace the existing one. John said he could get the equipment to install it for free possibly if the culvert was there. Jenny said that John Warshow had talked to Danny (Road Foreman) and he may have something we could use. Jim is going to talk to Danny. There was no further discussion on the gravel.
3. Bob Light-Jim brought up that tree's that Bob has permission to tap at the end of the Thompson Road are not meeting the tapping guidelines. Trees with a single tap are in the 6" range and tree's with 2 taps are in the 10 " range. The guidelines for the Town Forest call for 1 tap in a 10" tree and 2 taps in a 20" tree. This was noticed on a committee walk within the forest to look at the logging job that had been done. Jim also said that in all fairness we should have recommended sending Bob a copy of the guidelines when the Selectboard agreed to let him sugar within the Town Forest. It was voted on to recommend that the Selectboard send a letter to Bob with a copy of the guidelines.

4. Old Truck-Jenny was approached by an individual about an old truck on the Pitkin side of the forest. They would like to take it and restore it. It was decided that they should approach the Selectboard on their own and make the request.
5. John brought up that John Schmitt told him that he would level off the Thompson Road for free with his bulldozer if the Selectboard approved. The Committee thought this was a generous offer. John will e-mail Bobbi with the proposal.

Submitted by: Jim Brimblecombe

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