

## **Stranahan Stewardship Committee 20th Meeting**

*Decisions taken are underlined.*

**January 15, 2012**

**Members Attending:** Jim Brimblecombe, John Domey, Ed Jalbert and Jenny Warshow

**Activities:** Members met at the parking area at the junction of Hollister Hill and Thompson Roads. The following matters were discussed:

1. Members walked down the Thompson Road to stands 21 and 5 to discuss the location of mainlines with lessee Jim Brimblecombe. Jim and Jenny agreed on the location of lines in regard to hiking trails and also decided that tubing will be blue in color.

Members checked out the finished log job in both stands 21 and 5. The job is now finished. There was some damage to a culvert on the Thompson Rd. crossing of the wetland – it's not clear if this was caused by the logger or was an improperly installed culvert. It's also possible that heavy rains last spring created an air pocket that allowed for damage. Members agreed that both stands looked pretty good, overall. The logger used an old field about 20 yards northwest of the crossing on the Thompson Road; members agreed that it was OK to leave in its current condition. There was some discussion about whether or not to hold the logging deposit until spring. Ed agreed to check out the contract. There was some discussion of future harvesting – whether to future harvesting happen in one job or spaced out over years. Members discussed the idea that log jobs should provide winter employment for local loggers as well as provide revenue (in lieu of taxes) for the town. Jenny thought that the stumpage receipts from the last sale as well as money from the sugaring lease should go directly into the town's general fund. Jim mentioned that the town road crew had filled in the ditch created by a too-small culvert on the south end of the Thompson Rd.

2. Jenny mentioned that someone wants to salvage the old 1930's truck up on the north end of the Thompson Rd. – he wants to restore it to running condition. No decision was taken in this matter.
3. Members viewed the maples tapped by Bob Light with tubing up on the south end of the Thompson Rd. There are many small trees set up for tapping. Jim Brimblecombe mentioned that many of the trees set up for tapping would not be allowed under the terms of his lease. Some of the

trees set up for tapping had two taps where Jim's lease would not allow one. Ed agreed to find and review the agreement made with Bob on this tapping and that an effort would be made to make this meet the general standards for tapping elsewhere in the Stranahan.

4. Jenny showed members a copy of the annual report for submission to the town clerk: members agreed to submit it as written.

Submitted by: Ed Jalbert

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