

## Town Forest Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2016

6:30-8:00 PM Thayer Memorial Library – Trustees Room

In Attendance: Tim Castner, Jason Allison, Ted Manning, Absent, Chris Fish

### Old Business:

Approve minutes from November: Approved Unanimously.

Work on new trails and signage – Jason Allison – No Update.

Building Boardwalks – Chris Fish No Update

Possible Eagle Project Updates – We are continuing to have discussions with three boy scouts about possible Eagle projects. Ideas include a kiosk by the main entrance, new trail and trail junction signs, and board walks over wet areas.

### New Business:

Public Comment - None

Harvest update and scheduling – The harvest has been delayed again. We don't have final information but it may not take place until late summer or fall.

Hill Top Road Parcels – Update and Eugene Christoph Memorial Discussion – The committee unanimously approved the idea of setting up a Eugene Christophe Memorial Grove in the new parcels south of Hilltop. It would be about 10 acres and south of the wetland area. The plan would involve building a trail from Hilltop to Eagle Ridge and installing a bench and sign. No harvesting of trees would be allowed in the memorial grove, however trail maintenance would be permitted.

Mark9 Training in Forest - We unanimously approved allowing this group to conduct dog rescue training in the forest.

ATV signage and policies - We continue to brainstorm ways to limit ATV usage in the forest.

Town Wide Forestry Plan – We are exploring the idea of developing a town wide forestry plan to include other areas of the town where forest management could be conducted.

2015 Annual Report – Tim will complete and send to the town clerk.

Other Business – None