



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS
WINDHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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Minutes for July 17, 2025 – Approved 5-0-0 on September 18, 2025

Community Development Building - Public Invited to Attend – 7:00pm

Call to Order at 6:58pm

- a. In attendance: Wanda Rice (Chair), Stephen Petron (Vice Chair), Brian McFarland (Secretary), Dave Curto, and Mike Sweeny (new member).

1. Election of Officers

- a. Wanda Rice will remain as Chair, Stephen Petron will remain Vice Chair, and Brian McFarland will remain as Secretary. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

2. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes (7/18/2024)

- a. Brian motioned to approve the July 18, 2024 meeting minutes. Dave Seconded. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

3. Maintenance for Cellar Hole Trail in 2025 & 2026

- a. The Cellar Hole Trail needs to be mowed and Mike Taylor can do the work again; and
- b. Dave made a motion to spend up to \$800 per year for trail maintenance, mowing, and clean up for the cellar hole trail. Stephen seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

4. Trail Signage & Mapping of New Trail

- a. There was discussion around trail signage and mapping of the new trail;
- b. Dave will contact Mark Wimmer about adding new trail to the maps; and
- c. Stephen made a motion to spend up to \$500 for 6 new maps and for trail signage. Mike seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

5. Tree Farm Inspection Report

- a. Wanda went out last week with the inspector;
- b. The Committee is awaiting the report, which should be delivered in the next 1-2 months, and which will recertify the Town Forest as a Tree Farm; and
- c. Growth is too small for another harvest and a management plan should be developed in the next 5 years.

6. Trail Work Day

- a. Mike will do some weedwacking and brushing/clipping will need to be done; and
- b. Dates will be proposed via email for a future day to do trail work.

7. Re-Blazing Trails

- a. In 2026 or 2027, the trails will need to be re-blazed; and
- b. Wanda prefers to paint blazes, as the plastic blazes are falling off due to tree growth.

8. Other Items

- a. The Committee discussed potential beekeeping at the flower / pollinator garden.

Stephen motioned to adjourn; Dave seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.