



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

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Minutes for December 16, 2022 (DRAFT)

Community Development Room - Public Invited to Attend – 1:00pm

Call to Order at 1:00pm

- a. In attendance: Wanda Rice (Chair), Norm Babineau (Vice Chair), Brian McFarland (Secretary), and Jacob Cross. Dave Curto was absent.

1. Approve July Meeting Minutes

- a. Norm made a motion to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes. Wanda seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0-1** (with Jacob abstaining from the vote);

2. Trail Development Updates

- a. Bushhog clearing was completed and last week the marking of trails started;
- b. Overall, the trails are in good condition and will reassess in the Spring;
- c. Kiosk maps might need to be redone/updated and laminated;
- d. Also, should back out the bolts from the wooden signs to accommodate tree growth.

3. Discuss Warrant Article for 2023 Ballot

- a. The last Forestry Committee Warrant Article asked for \$9,000, with the expectation of the amount to last three years;
- b. The Committee has spent these approved funds, mainly on trail work, the purchase of two kiosks, and invasive species work;
- c. The Committee is seeking another \$9,000, with the expectation of the amount lasting for another three years, to cover actions such as additional invasive species work, building trails / trails work, and to possibly replace the Bayberry Bridge.
- d. Brian made a motion to approve the proposed Warrant Article. Jacob seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0-0;**

4. Other Business

- a. The Committee discussed the investment of the Special Forestry Funds (i.e., which is currently at approximately \$50,000) and how long the funds ideally will last before the next harvest
- b. The Committee also discussed land acquisition and Pelham's Warrant Article with respect to a trust fund model to manage forestry funds. The Committee will seek to extend an invite to the Pelham Forestry Chairman to attend the next meeting.

Norm motioned to adjourn; Wanda seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.