



## GOSHEN MUNICIPAL FOREST BOARD MEETING

Unapproved Minutes  
January 19, 2021 | 7 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Whiting, David McKinnon, Jim Pulver, Tom Bahre, Diane O'Classen, Wes Butler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Forester: Andy Hutchison  
Community Members: Tracy Wyman, Johnathan Wyman

**Meeting called to order:** at 7pm.

**Motion to approve agenda:** by Dave McKinnon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane O'Classen

**Citizen concerns:** No concerns

**Motion to approve 2020 minutes:** Jeff Whiting made motion to accept, Dave McKinnon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved

**Nominations for officers:** Motion made to keep the officers the same, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion accepted

Chair Tom Bahre

Vice Chair Jeff Whiting

Secretary Diane O'Classen

The Town Treasurer acts as the Treasurer for the Board

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Total current assets \$398,516.38 between checking and savings accounts. This is published in the Town Report as part of the Treasurer's report.

Jeff Whiting gave a short update on Forest Board report for the Town Report, we had a beaver problem which was taken care of. Water bar work needing to be done.

### **Forester's Report:**

Andy reports he checked on the water bar work that was done. Tracy Wyman completed the work on the south side of the property.

Andy discussed the fact that the Forest Plan needs to be updated, the plan is 16 years old, when the last thorough inventory of the property was done.

There has been at least one timber sale, if not two since that period in a couple of different areas.

Discussion around updating the forest plan and consideration of having an official survey done of the property, question whether there is any money available to help with the cost of the survey.



Jim Pulver asked if any new land had been purchased since the plan, no new lands has been purchased, but it would appear like there may be additional land as comparing maps there seems to be some discrepancies. Andy and Jim are going to walk the property.

Boundary lines have been updated to GPS; Andy showed a map of what the property looks likes.

Beaver problems continue, may need to trap again to protect the road.

**Motion made by Dave** to have Andy come up with a new plan for any timber sales and new forest plan. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Future harvest and TSI work ought to be done, all agreed.

**Sugar bush and access:** Tracy leases from the Brandon Town Forest and would like to lease from Goshen to tap 2,000 taps, for a price of \$1,000.00 then .50 cents per tap over the 2,000. Tracy would like access north of Jackson Brook, south of Basin Brook. Tracy will undertake the TSI work and other work to make access.

Reggie Charboneau is no longer leasing Wade Mitchell's sugar bush. Ethan Swift has taken over that lease. Reggie C. had a lease for right to cross town forest with his lines. Andy needs to contact Ethan Swift to be sure he does the same. Also, a discussion with him about pipeline crossing town property, Reggie had a right of way at the cost of \$1.00 (one dollar) a year.

**Motion made by Jeff Whiting** to increase the amount to \$10.00 (ten dollars) a year, seconded by Dave M, motion passed.

Andy suggested a possible timber sale in a portion of Stand 5 possibly into Stand 6 southwest corner. Stand #8 was the last lot harvested. Jeff recommends Andy should prioritize this.

Discussion on Forestry management plan needs to be updated as it has not been done for many years.

**Motion made by Jeff Whiting** to update management plan, seconded by Jim. Motion carried. Andy will send management plans to board when finished. Plan to include some discussion of the sugar bush potential.

### Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane O'Classen, Secretary