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Duxbury Town Forest Committee Meeting Minutes
 March 22, 2018

Town Forest Committee Members Present	Peter Dicicco, Graham Leitner, Monique McHenry, Matt Muir, Zeb Towne, Jesse Rufenacht, Kalev Freeman
Attendees	Mari Pratt, Tom Harvey
Minutes Prepared By	Jesse Rufenacht
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Monique M.
Introductions	Committee members made brief introductions for those that were not present last meeting, Attendees made brief introductions as well.

Changes to the Agenda

Discussion	None
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Public Comment

Discussion	None
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Approval of Minutes from 2/1/18 meeting

Discussion	Monique M. moved to approve the minutes without any amendments. Peter D. seconded. All in favor.
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Forest Management Plan

Discussion	<p>Peter D. reported that there are no grants available until at least September.</p> <p>Tom Sweet offered a quote of \$800-\$1000 for a basic Forest Management Plan.</p> <p>Discussion was had about the feasibility of logging the town forest.</p> <p>There may be a survey of the land in existence that was performed by the state roughly 5 years ago.</p> <p>Discussion continued about getting input/advice from the Washington County Forester.</p>
Conclusion	Creating a Forest Management Plan is priority number one.

Actionables	<p>Grahm will look into whether or not we can get a copy of the state survey.</p> <p>Peter D. will contact the Washington County Forester to determine when it would be most beneficial to us to meet with him.</p>
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Survey from Town Meeting Day

Discussion	<p>It had been planned to look over the results of the surveys filled out by residents at town meeting. The surveys have been misplaced though and thus there was no data to look over.</p> <p>Discussion about whether the survey should be put out to the public somehow to get more input from residents.</p>
Conclusion	The survey will be posted on Front Porch Forum along with Act250 disclosure statement.
Actionables	<p>Peter D. will post the survey on Front Porch Forum.</p> <p>Jesse R. will look into finding the surveys from town meeting.</p>

Potential Parking for Town Forest

Discussion	<p>The committee looked at a detailed map of the Town Forest and discussed the potential for parking access to the Town Forest.</p> <p>The areas discussed: Hart Road, the Velco gate and powerline access on River Road, the Duxbury Community Gardens on River Road.</p>
Conclusion	The creation of parking for the Town Forest is a long way off and many other things must happen prior to parking being implemented.

Duxbury Land Trust Meeting

Discussion	The Duxbury Land Trust will be meeting on April 10 at 6:30pm. It would be beneficial for a member of the Town Forest Committee to attend.
Actionables	Grahm L. and Zeb T. will try to attend the meeting on 4/10.

Determine Next Steps

Discussion	<p>The committee will continue putting together a plan to create a Forest Management Plan for the Town Forest.</p> <p>Next Meeting will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site walk <p>Next Meeting at the Town Garage will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the results from the survey given at town meeting (assuming they can be located) along with any more surveys filled out via Front Porch Forum. - Continued discussion of Forest Management Plan with consideration of available funds. - Report about site walk. - Reports from all actionables.
Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The committee will try to meet every 2 months. The next meeting will be a site walk on May 19 at 1pm. This meeting will occur at the Town Forest. Any residents are encouraged to join. -The following meeting will take place on Monday July 16 at 6:30pm in the town garage. -The date for the meeting in September has not yet been set but will hopefully be a community clean up day/trail clean up day on site at the Town Forest.
Actionables	<p>Jesse R. will post minutes and the dates of the upcoming meetings.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Monique M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jesse R. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm</p>