Call to order: 7:00 P.M.

Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, accept the November 6, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Updates:

Mr. Jones attended the Sustainability Committee meeting. The committee is developing a tree replacement by-law.

Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to pay Gatehouse media invoice of $24.60 for RDA advertisement. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to pay Ashland Lumber invoice #74081 of $48.00 for kiosk lumber. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. St. Germain provided an update on the account balances:

CPC Grant 1 ($3500.00) has a balance of $1400.75. CPC Grant 2 ($26,956.00) has a balance of $4681.63. The Boy Scout fund has a balance of $400.94.

Mr. Jones signed previously approved invoice for Registry OOC $79.00 filing fee.

CPC Grant 3 for the stone building is $5000.00. CPC has approved the grant agreement for the stone building.

Ms. Rooney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Mr. St. Germain signing the CPC agreement for the Town Forest Committee.

The rain garden at Oak Street was discussed by the committee. There is water breaking out at the location and flowing into the street. Mr. Jones developed a plant list and planting plan cost estimates based on spacing scenarios. The planting process was discussed. It will cost $4000 for the grasses and forbs at the larger spacing. The money may come from the stormwater funds. The cost doesn’t include trees and shrubs. Additional sources of funding to cover the trees and shrubs will be explored. Cost for loam and mulch will need to be developed.
Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rooney, to request $4000 from the stormwater fund to supply plants, topsoil and mulch for the rain garden. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The committee discussed joining the New England Mountain Biking Association. Ms. Rooney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to join the NEMBA and pay the $50 membership fee out of the Boy Scout money. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The grant proposal for invasive species control is at CISMA but a MOU is needed with CISMA. Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to have Mr. St. Germain sign, on behalf of the committee, the MOU agreement with CISMA. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Discussed possible additions to the map updates.

The committee discussed the forest status tracking and the project tracking sheet.

Discussed requesting CPC funding for rain garden, boundary markers and deer exclosures.

The next regular meeting is January 29, 2020.

Discussed moving portion of Bay Circuit Trail from the white trail to the Red trail. Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to move the section of the BCT from intersection 23 to 30 to the red trail intersection 23 to 20. Motion passed 3-1(Jones)-1(Rooney).

9.00 PM Adjournment

Mr. Moulton made a motion, seconded by Mr. St. Germain, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-1(Jones)-0.

Documents Reviewed by the Town Forest Committee on 12/04/2019

- Town Forest Committee Agenda 01-08-2020
- Document entitled, ATFC minutes 2019-12-04 draft
- Document entitled, forbs and grasses
- Document entitled, plant cost new 11-7-2019
- Document entitled, Registry OOC filing fee
- Document entitled, rain garden plant photos