



Town of Ashland

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

Ashland Town Forest Committee

DRAFT Minutes of September 16, 2020 Meeting

Location: Online Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Brian Forestal, Mike Jones, Robert St. Germain, Brian McGrattan(7:30), Catherine Rooney

Members Absent: Jamie Tripp

Public / Non-members Present:

Call to Order 7:02pm

Agenda Items

Item 1) Review and acceptance of previous minutes, August 12th and August 26th. Accepted with amendments 4-0. Mr. McGrattan not present.

Item 2) Yellow trail bridge discussion; review changes required by ConCom to the two bridges. Focusing on the commitment to Boy Scouts and the construction project to complete the rebuilding of the bridge with ramps. Two possible avenues were discussed: a single phase and a two phase construction program.

Single phase would delay the project until someone (Scout or other) would take on the total project of one bridge and ramps.

Two phases would have the Scouts build the ramps and extensions at the current elevation per their original commitment. Then at a later date another party would re-build the bridge at the higher elevation and the ramps would then be raised to match the bridges.

A motion was made by Mr. St. Germain and seconded by Mr. Jones to do the project in two phases. Vote 2-2-1 (Mr. St. Germain and Mr. Jones aye, Mr. Forestal and Ms. Rooney no and Mr. McGrattan abstain). The motion did not pass.

A motion to do the project in a single phase was made by Mr. McGrattan and seconded by Ms. Rooney. Vote 2-2-1 (Mr. Forestal and Ms. Rooney aye, Mr. St. Germain and Mr. Jones no and Mr. McGrattan abstain). The motion did not pass.

A motion to postpone the project was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Rooney. Vote 4-1- (Mr. Forestal and Ms. Rooney, and Mr. Jones and Mr. McGrattan Aye). Mr. St. Germain voted no. The motion passed.

Item 3) Equipment Purchases

A motion was made to purchase two trail cameras not to exceed \$150.00 by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Rooney. Vote 5-0. The motion passed.

A motion was made to purchase 2 cargo nets not to exceed \$220.00 by Mr. St. Germain and seconded by Mr. McGrattan. Vote 5-0. The motion passed.

48 **Item 4 Updates**

49 **SVT GRANT:** Ms. Rooney will advance a proposal for AmeriCorp's participation in an
50 invasive plant mapping of forest and youth involvement in citizen sciences in deer exclosures.

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52 **Next Meeting 09-30-2020**

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54 **Adjournment**

55 A motion made to adjourn by Mr. McGrattan and seconded by Ms, Rooney. Passed 5-0-0.

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57 **Document Referenced**

58 Town Forest Committee Agenda

59 Meeting Minutes Aug 12th and 26st

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