

Burke Town Forest Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026 6pm Burke Community Building

In Attendance: Cliff Pierce (Chair), Don Hale, Diane Wells (Secretary), Hank Butler (Treasurer), Makail Tipton, and Bob Gondar (via Zoom). Absent: Elise Lawson Guests: Ryan Kilborn (via Zoom) and Matt Langlais

March Meeting Minutes: Hank motion to approve, Don second. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Hank provided a budget report and current CD balances (via Cathi Feeley).

Willey Woods:

Sugar Maple Lane in good condition. Diane attended Selectboard's April 1 meeting and asked about improving vehicle access to log landing from Newark St. The Board advised placing stakes where we think a culvert should be placed. Don will reach out to Dave Kaufman for his advice.

Landscape Scale Restoration Grant funding was pulled by the State. The Recreational Trail Grant applied for Feb 1 did not make the cut. Moving forward the Roundy Brook Trail & Bridge Project will focus on acquiring the wetland permit required to complete the project. We did receive the stream alteration permit we applied for in January.

Woodcock Walk at Willey Woods with State Biologist Jill Kilborn: Monday, April 27 at 7pm.

Green Up Day Work Day: Saturday, May 2 from 9am-1pm. Installing cedar posts along parking perimeter (if they are ready), planting shrubs, and clearing trails.

NEK Town Forest Collaborative Event: Sunday, May 17 from 12 to 4pm

North Pasture:

Install wood duck box on Town Forest? Or install in wetland behind Burke Town School? Diane will ask for Lindley van der Linde's thoughts.

VT Tree Farm Program:

Ryan Kilborn, Meadowsend Consulting, asked if the Committee would be interested in enrolling Willey Woods in the Program. Enrollment would offer outreach and educational opportunities as well as networking opportunities. Program has its own set of standards and the Forest's management plan may/may not need an addendum to enroll. Enrollment fee \$40. Cliff motioned to send both Town Forest management plans to Ryan for his review. Hank second. All in favor. If we decide to move forward, easement holders will be notified.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wells