

Burke Town Forest Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026 6pm Burke Community Building

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

December Meeting Minutes: Elise motion to approve, Don second. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Hank provided a summary of accounts and balances (report generated by Cathi Feeley, Town Treasurer). No funds spent since last meeting. Proposed 2026 BCC budget of \$17,800 (approved at November joint BCC/Subcommittee meeting) has been increased to \$20,000 (Cathi). Vote at March Town Meeting on provision to allow unspent BCC funds at year end to roll over and remain in BCC account(s).

Willey Woods: Discussed tree stand policy: permission required from Subcommittee to erect stand, stand to be taken down at end of season, and all applicable VT State laws (including label with name and contact information) must be followed. Permission for game cameras is not required per Vermont law, but owners will be encouraged to avoid aiming on trails used by Forest patrons.

Discussed Forest, Parks, and Recreation Recreational Trail Grant application and remaining information needed to complete, due February 1.

Work day to install fence posts, trail log stand, and sitting bench on Green Up Day: Saturday, May 2 at 9am.

North Pasture: Offroad parking area: Weyerhaeuser slated to improve and use TH 23 to access timber harvest. Potential to work with them? Wood duck boxes: now is the time to put them in place. Town Forest sign in works. Same design as was used for Willey Woods entrance sign.

Other Business: NorthWoods Stewardship Center tree seed collection for restoration projects. Willey Woods potential seed source? Permission required. Form to be brought to BCC's next meeting (January 21).

Meeting Adjourned: 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wells