

**Burke Town Forest Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026 6pm Burke Community Building**

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

May Meeting Minutes: Elise motion to approve, Hank second. Approved.

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

Willey Woods:

Discussed joining the Vermont Tree Farm Program. Topic tabled. No action taken.

Boundary markers: Hank and Cliff completed a new section. Plan is to continue working our way around the Forest's boundary this winter.

Late summer/fall brontosaurus work: Don let Mike Bickford know we would like him to return.

Discussed site visit with State Wetland Ecologist, Lauren Sopher (May 19) and various trail, bridge, and parking area scenarios that would work given the hydric soils and wetland buffer zones around Roundy Brook and its tributary. Wetland permits will be required. A primitive trail design will minimize impact. Diane and Elise will work on defining potential parking area.

North Pasture:

Don spoke with Jim Sullivan re: Weyerhaeuser plan to use TH 23 to access the company's planned timber operation and the potential opportunity for the town to work with them. This is the same road the Committee has the goal of using to establish an off-road parking area for the Forest. Discussed KT trails and potential scenarios to minimize conflict between folks biking and walking on the forest.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wells