

Sherborn Town Forest Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:15PM

S. Petty moved to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting.

S. VanBlarcom seconded.

Minutes accepted

NOI for the N. Main parking area and mowing was discussed. D. Kileen and S. Petty met with 2 Con Com members, the agent and Joyce Hastings for a site review yesterday. The hearing is tonight.

Follow up discussion of leash law in Town Forest.

S. Petty moved that all dogs must be leashed or under voice control at all times and, if there are more than 2 dogs in a group of hikers, then the dogs must be leashed

S. VanBlarcom seconded.

Voted unanimously.

Trails discussion

S. Petty reported on last Saturday's tour of Pine Hill bike trail guided by Sarah Wragge. Group made up of 5 people. Good tour with good response. Very little negative feedback. Maybe more caution signs needed.

S. Petty suggested a vote to approve the Pine Hill Mountain Bike Trail.

S. Petty moved to vote to approve, post Covid, the installation of the mountain bike trail near Pine Hill.

S. VanBlarcom seconded

Voted unanimously.

Discussion of existing and additional forest plans discussed. Decided to touch base with Forester Phil Benjamin to get his feedback.

New Business

S. Petty brought up subject of motorized vehicles in Town Forest. At present, the only motorized vehicle allowed in Town Forest are snow mobiles and authorized vehicles. D.Kileen pointed out that this is a holdover from years past and all agreed that no snowmobilers use Town Forest any longer. S. Petty pointed out that electric bikes are on the horizon and do we want them using Town Forest.

S. Petty moved that no unauthorized vehicles be allowed in Town Forest and that will include snow mobiles and electric bikes.

S. VanBlarcom seconded

Voted unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 5:48

Approved August 18, 2022