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**Rines Forest Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, September 19, 2005**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- Present:** Bob Waterhouse, Chairman, Tom Hinman, Lisa Judd, Bob Heyner, Jeff Steinman, Sally Stockwell, Henry Milburn, Bill Richards, and John Stroud.
- Council Liaison:** Jeff Porter
- Absent:** Jennifer West
- Others Present:** Bill Shane, Town Manager

*Meeting called to Order at 7:02 pm*

**I. July 18, 2005 - Meeting Minutes Review & Acceptance**

Moved by Lisa Judd and Seconded by Henry Milburn approved by unanimous consent.

**II. Facility Use Policy Review and Editing**

Bill Shane asked for input for changes to the Facility Use Rules.

The Committee went through the Prohibited Uses item by item and made the following changes:

- No unauthorized motor vehicles. **Add ATV's and motorbikes**
- No camping, ~~tenting or use after 11 PM,~~ except by written permission of the Town Manager.
- No **open or charcoal** fires. ~~except by permission of the Town Manager and issuance of a burning permit from the Fire Warden.~~
- No littering or trash disposal; all activities and users to remove all refuse carried in.
- ~~No leaving or depositing of animal carcasses or portions thereof.~~
- No target shooting.
- Except for brushing and maintenance of approved trail systems, no cutting of trees **or** limbs except as approved by **written permission of** the Rines Forest Committee. ~~no cutting of bushes, removal or vegetation without the approval of the Rines Forest Committee. (Blanked exception granted for gathering of nuts, ferns, fruits, leaves, berries, or cones for scientific or educational purposes.)~~
- No application of herbicides, pesticides or fungicides except with the **written** approval of the Rines Forest Committee.
- ~~No vandalism.~~ No person shall deface, injure, remove or destroy any fences, signs, gates or any other structures or creations in or on the Forest.
- No construction or **improvements are allowed** ~~assembly of any fence, tree house, building, latrine, outhouse, lean to, bench, sign, gate, or permanent tree stand, roadway, trail, bridge, culvert, or conduit~~ except with the express written permission of the Rines Forest Committee.
- ~~The State Leash Law shall be enforced throughout the Forest.~~

- ~~Rines Forest shall be open for use by the general public during daylight and evening hours throughout the year, and it shall be closed to public use from 11:00PM until one hour before sunrise of the immediately following day during which time it shall be unlawful for any person to be within the limits of the Forest or related areas, except for special events approved by the Town Council or Rines Forest Committee or Town Manager.~~
- ~~All terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorbikes, mountain bikes and motor vehicles shall be prohibited at all times.~~
- ~~Snowmobiles shall be restricted to existing trails specifically laid out and authorized as snowmobile trails across the Forestlands. This shall not be construed to prohibit the use of snowmobiles.~~

The Committee discussed including items regarding the State Leash Law and portable tree stands into the Allowable Uses section of the Rules. Bill Shane said he would work on a statement.

The Committee decided not to address mountain bikes at this time.

Sally Stockwell was concerned about the parking at the property. She suggested that signs be erected indicating that people park on Idlewood Drive.

The Committee discussed sending a letter to the residents of Idlewood and holding a neighborhood meeting to receive input about the matter. Bill Shane said he would send a letter in the next few weeks.

### III. Management Plan Structure Review and Assignments

Bill Shane gave an overview of the Plan for the Committee. He said that pages 1-11 needed to be completed and suggested that members of the Committee volunteer to format these items.

The following Committee members volunteered for these items:

- **Executive Summary** – *will be comprised later*
- **Introduction** – Jennifer West
- **Purpose and Objective of Management Plan** – Henry Milburn
- **Location of the Forest** – *include up to date map of property/area*
- **Description of Land** – Sally Stockwell
- **Historic Uses of the Land** – Bill Richards
- **Natural Resources Inventory** – *this item was deleted*
- **Town Open Space Goals** – John Stroud
- **Legal and Regulatory Issues** – Steve Moriarty
- **Current Uses** – Lisa Judd
- **Future Acquisitions** – Bob Waterhouse

Bill Shane said the Appendix would include the Facility Use Rules, a copy of the Easement, and a copy of the Deed.

Sally Stockwell felt that they needed to include a Forest Stewardship Plan and that they should keep the wording consistent with the Easement.

Bill Shane said that the Physical Development section in the Management Matrix needed to be cleaned up.

### IV. Other Business & Future Meetings

- a. Next Meeting Date – Monday, October 17, 2005.
- b. Trail Clean Up – October 23, 2005 @ noon was set for trail clean up.

### V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:35 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by,

Nancy Stroud  
Recording Secretary