

Rines Forest Advisory Committee
Monday, March 20, 2006
7:00 PM Council Chambers
Minutes

Present: Bob Heyner, Bob Waterhouse, Tom Hinman, Jeff Steinman, Lisa Judd and John Stroud.

Absent: Sally Stockwell, Jennifer West, Bill Richards, Henry Milburn, Jeff Porter and Steve Moriarty.

Also Present: Ted Kern.

Staff: Bill Shane

I. January 16, 2006 - Meeting Minutes Review & Acceptance

Motion by Jeff Steinman, Seconded by Bob Heyner to approve the minutes of January 16, 2006.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

II. Review of Management Plan and Matrix

The Committee began review of the Rines Forest Management Plan. Spelling corrections were made and wording was addressed in a few places.

The Committee discussed what information would be contained in the Executive Summary. Mr. Shane said that the mission statement, council charge, and vision statement could be included in the summary and even some of the language from the easement deed.

Several suggestions were made regarding the order of certain sections of the plan and how to direct readers to corresponding appendixes.

Bob Heyner suggested moving the easement deed after page 9 of the contents because it is such an important part of the plan.

Mr. Shane wanted to include a map that Sally Stockwell had in the Future Acquisitions section, because it showed the Rines Forest connected all the way to the property up on Greely Road Extension and to show the green beltway all the way to Blueberry Mountain. Access to these properties would not have to result from ownership. There could be easements, right of ways or conservation lands, for example. He said that Cumberland should also talk to the Town of Falmouth because they have some open space land that abuts the border of Cumberland. Mr. Shane would wordsmith this section some more.

The Committee completed its review of the Management Plan noting that the Facility Use Rules would need to be updated. The Committee would devote an entire meeting to trail building beginning at its April meeting.

There was some discussion regarding the development of a forestry plan. Mr. Shane asked if the committee wanted to take that on this summer and said that they may want to seek outside assistance with that task. There was concern about keeping the forest in its natural state, and the need to maintain a healthy forest and possibly establishing a revenue stream. The Committee members agreed this would be something to take on after the Management Plan was completed. John Stroud volunteered to do some research regarding woodlot management.

III. Other Business & Future Meetings

- a.** Discuss property for sale on Range Road that abuts Rines Forest: 8.55 acre parcel, Map R5, Lot 28G.

The Committee members reviewed the location of the property and discussed whether it would be a beneficial addition to the Rines Forest Property.

Motion by John Stroud, Seconded by Bob Heyner to recommend the property located on Range Road, Map R5, Lot 28G **not** be purchased by the Town.

Vote: 4-0-2 (Judd and Steinman).

- b.** The Next Meeting will be held on April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Stroud
Executive Secretary