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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 16, 2007
7:00 PM – Town Council Chambers

Present: Jennifer West, Bob Heyner, Lisa Judd, Henry Milburn, John Stroud
Absent: Joe Reynolds, Sally Stockwell, Tom Hinman, Bob Waterhouse, Bill Richards
Others Present: Dale Rines, Jay Braunscheidel, Ted Kern (7:00 – 7:15 p.m.)

Ted Kern, pinch-hitting for his son, Sam, asked the committee if they had any work for Sam so he could finish his Eagle Scout project. The committee said that they would discuss the options and get back to Sam after the meeting.

I. Meeting minutes review and acceptance – Tabled

- Approved by consensus

II. Forest Inventory Update – Jay Braunscheidel, Hancock Land Trust

Jay Braunscheidel reviewed the “Cruise” report of the forest (summary handout that Jay gave the committee is attached). Jay broke down the complexity of terminology and designations, into smaller pieces for the committee to better understand. The map and key are needed to better understand the different types and similarly sized trees. Page 92 of the Cruise data summarized the entire forest.

Comments from Committee & Public:

Lisa Judd recommended that we take time to visit each of the mapped areas designated by Hancock Land Trust (HLT) to get a better feel for the issues and gain a more thorough understanding of the terminology and forest management issues.

Dale Rines asked if HLT could provide pictures or sites that the Committee could see or visit when discussing the different types of forest management such as selective cuts, ¼ acre cuts, etc.

Glossy Buckthorn was addressed as a growing concern to the health of the forest. To date only burning, brush hogging, cutting, and “hot” chemical treatment have been used to try to eradicate the invasive with a variety of results.

Dale Rines reported that the Red Pine in the forest were planted in 1947 and were last cut in 1995-97.

The value of Red Pine was typically on the low end at \$30 per one thousand board feet, where the average for White Pine would yield 5-7 times as much.

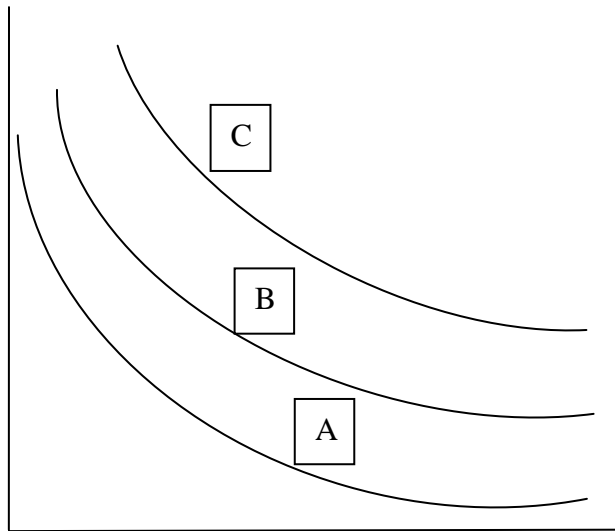
Dale was surprised by some of the reported basal diameters and asked if the diameters may have been somewhat skewed by the trees in the gullies and valleys where it would be difficult to retrieve.

Jay B. (HLT) reported to the committee that there were multiple forest management options that the committee had and that he will develop a list in future for the committee to consider. Options initially discussed were:

- a) do nothing.
- b) use a portion for cutting to fund other projects in the forest.
- c) balance a habitat/ecological plan for educational outreach.

Stand Breakdown:

Jay explained that when managing forests for timber harvesting purposes, a chart is used to determine optimum cutting:



The optimum (economically speaking) cutting of forests occurs along the “B” curve. The majority of the forest is between the “B & C” curve from purely an economic analysis.

Values of dollars were not assigned to the summary sheets in the report, because HLT did not want to skew the management plan in any way.

Selected cutting for Rines Forest can occur and would always pay for itself and generate some return if desired.

III. Other Business

- Map review for next meeting.
Map will be reviewed at the next meeting. Committee members present felt that paint & brushes vs. spray cans would be a more effective trail marking method.
Bob Heyner will speak with Sam Kern after Labor Day to discuss the Eagle Scout

project and marking the Fox Trail (white) and the Raccoon Trail (green). Bob and other committee members were encouraged to be present during the painting/marking project to minimize the markings (“less is more”).

- Next meeting – Thursday, September 20, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Work Day:
Bill will poll members and Jay via e-mail for site walk w/ Jay B.
- Council Presentation – November/December:
After tonight’s meeting, most felt that the Council presentation would not be possible until mid to late 2008.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Member Roster

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