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**Rines Forest Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 10, 2008
7:00 PM – West Conference Room**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Present: Bob Heyner, Lisa Judd, Henry Milburn, Bob Waterhouse, Sally Stockwell, Jennifer West, Steve Moriarty, Jeff Porter and Bill Shane.

Absent: Jennifer West, John Stroud, Bill Richards, and Joe Reynolds

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

I. Jay Braunscheidel, Integrated Forest Management

Jay began his presentation with an introduction of the changes that have occurred in the last few months regarding the new company he has formed (IFM) after Hancock Land Trust has changed its business plan direction and is no longer providing Forest Management Plans. Jay explained the new company will honor all of the existing contracts of Hancock Land Trust including price and the change over shall be seamless to the Committee and to all of Hancock's customers.

Jay went on to further state that he would be developing a list of questions for the committee along with suggestions and ideas in developing the Management Plan for Rines forest. The discussion then focused on the following pieces the committee would like incorporated into the Forest Plan:

1. FSC Certification
2. Focus Species Forestry
3. Harvesting Land Priorities- probably 5-10 years out for trees, but plan for buck thorn eradication as soon as practical
4. Phasing "down" through future cuts the size of the Red Pine Plantation
5. Create conditions to push stands within the forest to Uneven Age Management
6. Clear expectations and definitions related to Conservation versus Preservation
7. Weaving into Plan a section on Silviculture (definition as it relates to our Forest).
8. Riparian Areas and areas of significance or special interest

II. Trail Marking

Committee members discussed the need to schedule a Spring work party for Trail marking purposes.

III. Other Business

a. Next Meeting Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7 PM

Sally Stockwell had a discussion with Roger Milliken one of the abutters related to the trails along the rear of the Forest and the need for some grading work. Bill Shane will coordinate work once the weather permits and will focus on the trail from the Raccoon Trail East.

Several of the committee members were concerned with the lack of signage for snowmobiles- Bill Shane will have the signs installed the week of January 14th.

Sally though the pictures John Stroud took last year of the Blackstrap Forest in Falmouth should be considered for signage particularly where trails cross. Bill Shane will check files and forward information to Committee members.

Committee Members asked that letter's be sent to Rangers Way people and land abutters to advise them of the prohibition of 4 wheelers and snowmobiles in the forest. Bill Shane will send out the letters with the use policy.

Councilor Jeff Porter reported that John Stroud, Bill Richards and Joe Reynolds were not continuing on the Rines Committee. Bruce Wildes, Warren Graumann and Richard Sweetser will be recommended for appointed at the Council Meeting on January 14, 2008.

IV. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

'09 – Jennifer West
Sally Stockwell

'08 – Tom Hinman
Bob Heyner
Lisa Judd
Bob Waterhouse

'07 – Henry Milburn

Town Council Liaisons
Jeff Porter
Steve Moriarty