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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2008**  
**7:00 PM – Public Safety Training Room**

Present: Bob Heyner, Warren Graumann, Henry Milburn, Robert Waterhouse, Bruce Wildes, Sally Stockwell, Richard Sweetser, Steve Moriarty, Jeff Porter, Jay Braunscheidel of Intergrated Forest Management, Inc., and Town Manager Bill Shane,

Excused: Jennifer West and Lisa Judd

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. Review and approval of September meeting minutes

Approval of the September meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

III. Review of Forest Management Plan – Jay Braunscheidel

Jay Braunscheidel began by reviewing the cover letter that accompanied the draft of the Forest Management Plan which refers to a question of creating habitat for the New England Cottontail. Discussion followed regarding whether it was necessary to address this issue. Mr. Braunscheidel has yet to speak with a biologist from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding the matter. He also wanted to talk to IF&W regarding inland waterfalls and deer thickets. Another question for the committee to consider is the non-treatment of certain areas of the forest for buckthorn. The reason provided for this question was that the infestation of Buckthorn is associated with the treated areas. Bruce Wildes said that baseline data was going to be gathered in an upcoming site walk of the Chebeague Cumberland Land Trust. The need for the baseline data was clarified for Robert Waterhouse. Mr. Wildes explained that it is gathered to document the condition of the property over time and information would be gathered annually. This will help the Chebeague Cumberland Land Trust become accredited which will help the organization qualify for funding.

Manager Shane stated that he felt that the report did not address the specifics of a forest management plan. He thought the plan would contain recommendations as opposed to questions that have already been answered.

Sally Stockwell suggested that Mr. Braunscheidel provide a map outlining the recommendations for the forest.

Mr. Branscheidel appreciated the candid feedback and pointed out where the recommendations were located in the report. The committee asked for a format that takes the information from the report and references the areas addressed on a map. Mr. Braunscheidel asked for feedback from the committee on the recommendation for the scope of the first cut of the forest and the method of harvesting the timber. Bob Heyner suggested that what the committee needs is for

Mr. Braunscheidel to bring specific recommendations for each section of the forest that the committee can agree to or not. Bob Waterhouse wanted to know if Mr. Braunscheidel was getting the answers and guidance from the committee that he needs and were the questions contained in the letter that accompanied the report unanswered at this point.

Discussion focused on whether the committee should provide guidance for what should be done with the forest or if the recommendations should come from Mr. Braunscheidel for the committee to respond to. The committee requested that the format of the recommendations that are contained in the report be altered to make it easier to review and for Mr. Braunscheidel to provide two harvesting recommendations depicting different scenarios. A couple of examples were discussed and the committee and Mr. Braunscheidel agreed to use this approach. This should also include short term and long term projections of how the recommendations would affect the condition of the forest.

After clarification of what the committee needs from Mr. Braunscheidel, the group reviewed a map of the property and discussed some of the recommendations suggested in the report. Manager Shane asked Mr. Braunscheidel to put the recommendations into an outline format that can be plotted out on a large map of the property. Bob Waterhouse asked for a timeline outlining the implementation of the recommendations. Manager Shane outlined the steps that need to happen for the management plan to be presented to the public and approved by the CCLT and the Town Council before any action can be taken in the forest. It was agreed that the soonest harvest could most likely occur in the winter of 2010. Bruce Wildes said that the land trust should be able to turn a decision around in one meeting.

There was discussion of the timber from the forest benefiting the residents of the local community.

Sally Stockwell asked Mr. Braunscheidel for more detail around some areas of the report. More discussion followed regarding the content of the plan and how it is compiled.

Mr. Braunscheidel will create a visual representation of the recommendations in GIS form so that Manager Shane can layer this over the trail map of the property. Once the revisions are made Manager Shane will send the information out to the committee members.

Bob Heyner wanted the committee to keep in mind that they need to be sure of the direction they want to take before the public education process.

- IV. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.
- Continuation of review of Forest Management Plan

V. Other Business

Sally Stockwell talked about some signs for ATV use in the forest. More signs have been ordered and will be installed.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Stroud  
Recording Secretary