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Rines Forest Advisory Committee
September 30, 2010
Town Hall
7:00 P.M.

Present: Henry Milburn, Bob Heyner, Sally Stockwell, Jennifer West, Bruce Wildes,
and Warren Graumann

Absent: Lisa Judd, Mitch Elliott, Richard Sweetser and Bob Waterhouse, Councilor Porter, Councilor
Moriarty

Staff: Bill Shane, Town Manager, Anne Brushwein, Recording Secretary

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting were unanimously accepted.

III. Harvest Plan 2011- Jay Braunscheidel:

- **Present** – Jay informed the committee that Phase II of the harvest will be starting in late November of 2010. This will consist of a smaller crew using a skidder. The contractor will be Steve Wescott, who runs a slightly more expensive operation, but does really good work. This work will begin at the second landing area.
- **Future** – The winter operation, which will begin in January of 2011, will be the same larger operation that was scheduled for January of 2010, but was postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions.
- **Invasives** – The original schedule for controlling invasive species is still in effect:
 1. mechanical control included in both harvest operations
 2. remove invasive plants with brushsaws in the Spring of 2011
 3. chemical control in late summer to mid-September 2011
 4. ongoing grassroots education to include manual pulling of the plants
 5. continue to develop an Integrated Pest Management Plan

Bruce expressed some concerns about the safety of hikers in the forest during the chemical control phase in September. Bill said we will be sending notices to the abutters informing them of the spraying, Jennifer suggested that wording be used that emphasizes that the spraying will be localized and only backpack sprayers will be used.

Jay suggested trying to get some grant money to help develop the Integrated Pest Management Plan through the Presumpscot Watershed Program. Bill informed the committee that Project Canopy has some grant money available and that the Pest Management Program would qualify. The Conservation Committee is looking into that grant and has already filled out the preliminary paperwork, and some of that money could be available for the Rines Forest Pest Management Plan.

IV. Work Party and/or Community Walk Schedules: Sally mentioned that there are several downed trees along the trails in the forest, and also noted that there are two areas that need simple bridges to cross streams, especially in the spring. One location is where you come down from the kiosk, the other location is on the big loop at the bottom of the hill. Bill will meet with the contractor about getting the downed trees removed. Sally suggested that a couple of the cut logs could be dropped at the stream at the bottom of the hill. Bill suggested that the bridge by the kiosk could be constructed by Public Works.

Both Bruce and Sally felt that it would be very helpful to the Committee to take a field trip to view the cutting that has been done on Dale Rines' and Jane Marone's properties to get an idea of how a forest looks after a cut. Anne will organize a group walk with Jay to take place on either October 23, 2010 or October 30, 2010 at 9:00 am.

Sally suggested a community walk with Jay and the forester once the big harvest starts in January.

The next meeting of the committee will take place on March 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne L. Brushwein, Recording Secretary

