

January 18, 2017 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 5:00 Buzz

Attending: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders, David Nordheimer, David Jones observed.

Administrative

- Approved minutes from December meeting.
- Budget/Finance Report. Jen presented the financial report. It is as follows.

Town Election: Dave Jones for Katrina's spot. Election Slate: In addition to Jill, Jen, and Carol, we have Mick Fitzharris, Dela Bryan, Elizabeth Varley and Chris Junk.

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

Buckingham Green Project: We submitted Stormwater Management Planning Grant. We need to get temporary construction access (construction easement) and invasive plant clearing of the area prior to construction. We will be taking bids on the project.

2409 Woodland is still on hold. Waiting to figure out what to do about parking, whether or not to install bollards.

Katrina's Grove: We had a meeting on January 9. The area we are thinking is across from Heidi Hoegger. We need to remove the celandine in the area first. We would be rehabilitating the area.

Boundaries/Encroachment

- Jen talked to neighbors at 1801 Green Lane about the new fence on forest property. They know now where their property line. They have moved their fence.
- We are considering ways to purchase property and/or create easements on the other side of Naaman's creek to preserve the waterways and forest. Carol is looking into grants that would help us buy those properties. Jeff Politis will talk about the property across the creek where building had started and ceased and what we can do as a village at the next town meeting (January 23).

Drainage/Erosion

-1905 Miller. David Nordheimer noted that no new plantings have been planted in the rain garden area.

-No direct observation of the channeling at Broadbent leaseholds. We need to keep watch. David Nordheimer volunteered to observe.

Invasive Control

-Carol did a tour of Greg Gagliano's project sites. He has done more on Marsh Road and St. Martin's Lane. He has been hitting some larger patches of ivy. Areas to target—Sherwood Annex.

Paths/Maintenance

-Boy Scout Matt Kempinski and his volunteers created a new path in the Sherwood Annex. The new path connects the existing path (created in November 2015) to the bus stop on Marsh Road. They included a bridge in the path construction. Some areas are wet and need some stepping stones or tree cookies. Jen will publicize on Boy Scout site to encourage more projects. David Jones will look for ways to identify projects that Boy Scouts might be able to do to complete badge work and help our forests at the same time. Cameron Cloutier is another Boy Scout who wants to do a project, possibly a bridge.

Removals/Monitoring/Care of Trees

- We want to review the tree hazard policy. Jen will look up the documents for us to review at the April meeting and annually from then.

Community Involvement/Communications

-Arden Page: Ivy Pulling Party. *Feb 25. Corner of Woodland and Green 10 AM. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring gloves and clippers.

**The date of this changed to March 4th*

Next meeting date: February 15, 5 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Althouse-Wood