

January 21st, 2016 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 4:00 Buzz Attending: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, Jill Althouse-Wood, Katrina Streiff

Administrative

-Approved minutes from December meeting.

-Budget/Finance: Meg is stepping down. Jen will take over tracking finances. We agreed that the budget request should be increased from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

-Buckingham Greene: DNREC Storm Water Planning Grant has been approved. Proposal is for Drew Hayes of Foresite, New Castle, to conduct a study/proposal for remediation. Total amount \$22,000, including \$11,000 from the Buckingham Greene Town fund and the matching grant from DNREC.

-2409 Woodland/Schroeder grant: Rick Rothrock was approached to carve the “Arden Child” poem in the stones. His cost was \$10,000—too high for us. Jen will ask Walter if he would be interested. We need to put together a scale drawing for the handrail. An order from Octararia Nursery will be placed for completing the planting in this area and others.

--Schroeder funds application for surveying and fencing was denied: contested as “maintenance”—not sexy enough.

Boundaries/Encroachment

-Scheflen proposal: no changes currently. Scheflen is waiting on a contractor.

Drainage/Erosion

-St. Martin’s Lane area is planted. More planting planned for spring.

Invasive Control

-The guidelines should be sent to the web site. We should focus on areas already started: Buckingham Greene, St. Martins, Marsh Road corner and Avery section.

Paths/Maintenance

-Bridge replacements in Sherwood: A Boy Scout is interested in doing an Eagle project to install/replace foot bridges. Project may happen in spring. Jen will re-post info on Boy Scout Facebook site to encourage more projects.

Removals/Monitoring of Trees

Hickory trees in Avery?

Ed Rohrbach said that he has been watching ash trees.

Community Involvement/Communications

-Creek watch: wait until spring.-February *Arden Page* submission: Classes available. Arbor Day (4th Friday in April): we should plant 1 nice tree and make a big deal out of it.

New Business

-Election slate: Katrina, David Nordheimer, Larry Walker. -Naming contest for paths to boost forest awareness.

Next meeting date: January 21st, 2016, 4 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Borders