

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 5:00 PM**

***These minutes have not yet been approved.**

**BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, David Jones, Jen Borders
absent: David Nordheimer**

1. Administrative: We approved November and December minutes. Ed Rohrbach, Dave Jones, Dave Nordheimer, David Jones, and possibly Jeff Martin are on our docket for the election.
2. Finance: Jen added cost for Rothrock Indian Circle. We have \$2800 to spend before end of March. (\$3400 left in budget – \$610 remaining in Red Tail restoration contract.)

Forest Committee Finances FY2018
updated 1/17/18/17

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1	Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Budget	Schroed	B.G.	Forestry Grant	Contract
2	4/1/17	Town Budget start			\$8,000.00				
3	4/1/17	Schroeder Project: Woodland Rd. start				\$4,472.00			
4	4/1/17	Buckingham Greene funds remainder					\$50,045.74		
5	4/1/17	DNREC Surface Water Mgmt Grant					\$75,000.00		
6	4/1/17	urban & Community Forestry Grant						\$480.00	
7	4/1/17	Red Tail Restoration Contract for FY18							2,500.00
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9	4/1/17	Red Tail Restoration	-665.00		-665.00				(665.00)
10	6/19/17	Red Tail Restoration	-735.00		-735.00				(735.00)
11	6/26/17	Ron's Tree Service	-1200.00		-720.00			-480.00	
12	8/24/17	Red Tail Restoration	-280.00		-280.00				(280.00)
13	8/29/17	Dave Claney- fence	-250.58		-250.58				
14	11/27/17	Red Tail Restoration	-210.00		-210.00				(210.00)
15									
16	1/8/17	Rick Rothrock- indian Circle	-1737.00		-1737.00				
17	1/17/18	Remaining budget to date			3402.42				610.00
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3. Current Grants/Projects
—Buckingham Green Restoration Project: We need to access from the Fire Road. Access was not granted through Michael Simeone and Buckingham Green.

Representatives from Foresite (Andrew Hayes and Donna Shumbert) brought us new budget estimates based on the new access point. With the new changes the budget.

Included in the Budget is the monitoring which we are required to as per our grant, but it is possible that we could farm that out to organizations who would do it for free or other volunteers. These include: survey benchmarks, photo journaling, diversity samples, survivability rates for plants, etc.

We need to clear invasives 40-50 feet on either side of the stream.

We still need formal bids on the final drawings.

Part of the budget is the removal of woodchips which could be a volunteer effort.

We don't have a start date. Waiting on the bids. We are hoping for an early spring planting or early fall planting. We need the work to be finished just prior to planting.

We can't finish the work and wait for planting.

—Katrina's Grove: We still have things to plant in the spring.

—2409 Woodland: We need to figure out timing for plantings in the spring.

--U&CF Tree Management Grant: Tree grants are up again. Carol is going to work Lancashire and NCWA.

4. Boundaries/Encroachment

—5 Mill Race work is on hold because of the town lawsuit.

--Community Planning committee is going to propose a purchase of the new parcel on Naaman's Creek. \$650,000. The Forest Committee is helping the Community Planning Committee look into our options.

5. Drainage/Erosion

—We are working.1901 Millers/St Martin Lane site and Scheflen is interested in using Greg from Redtail to remove invasives and replace with native plants in the area. We need to start a conversation with Scheflen. If he is planting in the forest, we need to approve the plan and talk about ongoing care and maintenance.

--No checking on channels are erosion in the winter due to weather.

6. Invasives Control

--Greg from Redtail Restoration did a map of the invasive ivy area of Sherwood Forest. This is a good start. We are exploring options for getting more detail and digitizing the findings.

7. Paths/Maintenance

--Nothing new to report

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees

--Nothing new to report.

9. Community Involvement and Communications

--ACRA is doing Trees as their theme for summer program. Ideas for programs with Dave Jones and stream studies, Jeff Martin with geological slant.

--Arden Page—Jill will do ivy removal.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2017 at 5PM at the BWCC