

## **Town Forest Committee Minutes July 11, 2014**

**Present:** Sue Barnett, Paul Doucette, Shirley Smith, Bill Dakai.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM. The committee reviewed the minutes from June 23, 2014. Sue pointed out that, in the second to last paragraph on the first page, the modifier for the word “sunset” should be “after,” not “before.” Sue made a motion to accept the minutes from June 23, 2014 as amended. Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Public Archeological Laboratory (PAL) Contract and Associated Documents**

The committee reviewed the PAL contract. There was no problem with the listed responsibilities of the committee or the Town: providing access to all data and records, consulting with Pal on changes in scope of service, and arranging permission for Pal to survey any public property involved in the project.

The Scope of Services and insurance documents were also reviewed. The Scope of Services stipulated that the archeologists will spend 4 days identifying above ground remnants of historical sites, produce a memorandum that will include a map of all identified resources and sensitive areas with the primary goal of avoiding any impact during the committee’s proposed Town Forest project.

### **Committee Assistance**

There was a short discussion of the proposed parking lot being the source of the most disturbance. Bill mentioned a stone wall as being a particular problem. Paul said he hoped that PAL would be able to identify the Brick Kiln shown on an 1800’s map. Bill and Paul both expressed a willingness to meet with the archeologists on site and aide them in their investigation.

### **Trail Easement Deed**

Shirley related that she had met with Town Counsel the day before and asked him to review the easement documents. Counsel had a problem with the sentence: “The Easement shall terminate when the property is transferred to a third party.” He said easements are normally permanent. Peter was out of state but, prior to the meeting, Justine said they will look into it when he returns. Counsel also wanted more clarity and labeling of the Trail Map. Bill said he would make a new map that addressed that concern. The committee was of the opinion that Peter should not have to pay any more money for the easement and that the Town should be responsible for any further expense.

### **Tower Road Public Hearing**

Shirley reminded the committee that the public hearing for the discontinuance of the section of Tower Road that was within the boundaries of the Town Forest would be held on Monday, July 14 at 7:15 in the Planning Board meeting room. Sue, Paul and Shirley will attend this hearing. The reasons for the discontinuance, keeping out unauthorized motorized vehicles to protect

historical sites, discourage partying teenagers from building campfires, and prevent deep ruts from making the road dangerous for hikers and horseback riders.

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Smith