

Ashley Community Forest Board - Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday 4-13-23, 6:00 p.m.

Justin Morrill Education Center - Strafford, Vermont

Attendance: David Paganelli, Michael Sacca, Judith Faulk, Rob Stainton, Annie Penfield.

1. Call to Order 6:03
2. Public Comments - none.
3. Approve Minutes from 3-15-23 meeting. Approved on 4/13/23.
4. Update on Ashley Community Forest Stewardship Plan review by VLT. Reviewed by Donna Foster and sent back comments with edits. The Board is waiting to hear back from other organizations before further comment on the plan. The Board is requesting that any other comment and suggested revisions should be completed by the end of May. David will communicate this request.
5. Request for Black Locust – Town Office, Cobb Forest, Mike Hebb (Strafford) requested Black Locust for a project in Cobb Forest, Strafford. Also a request for a Town Office project. A request form should be made for people who are looking for Black Locust. Discussion about a plan to manage the Black Locust. There is a commercial request and also numerous requests for non-commercial wood. A current preference to slowly cut Black Locust trees for local town use, rather than a larger commercial harvesting. Potential for a 40% to 50% commercial cut with the funds being used to support local projects. For local projects the ACF would supply and cover the costs of the logs - the entity would need to provide for their own milling, transportation, etc. David will write a proposal for this project.
6. April 7th visit with logger Jim Welch who was shown the Black Locust. Jim is a potential logger for harvesting wood from the ACF. A logger needs to be in place a year ahead of time for any work that needs to be completed.
7. Reminder of April 22nd Invasive Plant Work Day, 9-2:00. 5 people have signed up at this time.
8. Programming update for 2023 – Annie, Erik, Michael and Judith. Annie Pennfield has the list of potential programs for this summer - update. Calendar a work in progress.
9. Re-election of Officers;
 - David Paganelli nominated and seconded for Chair and was passed unanimously.
 - Annie Pennfield nominated and seconded for Treasurer and was passed unanimously.
 - Rob Stainton nominated and seconded for Recording Clerk and was passed unanimously.

7:30 Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED MINUTES submitted by R. Stainton on 5/23/23

Next meeting. 5-11-23 at Sharon Academy High School - Sharon, Vermont