

September 21, 2022

## Town Lands Committee September 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Barrington Public Safety Building

In attendance: Brian Lenzi, Dave Kay, Phil Boodey, A.J. Dupere, Rob Gibson, Charles Tatham, Anne Melvin. Visitor: Paul Panish

Meeting start time: 7:47 AM

1. Discussed possibility of doubling the present size of the Town Forest (50 acres) by purchasing Map 248 Lot 1 (21.7 acres) and Lot 2 (7.4 acres) and the Town maintaining ownership of Lot 3 (22 acres). Will check with TA and Select board our proposal of talking with the two property owners and obtaining sale costs. If costs appear reasonable, a warrant article can be drafted and possibly voted on in 2023. The voters of Barrington will determine the outcome of the possibility of doubling the size of the Town Forest.

2. Reviewed the Forest Management Plan for the Town's 84-acre property lot (Map 224, Lot 10 on and behind the Town Highway garage) which Tim Noland, Town Forester, provided to us in 2020. We discussed the stewardship plans that he laid out and we agreed he did an excellent job providing reasonable tasks that will contribute to improving the value and use of the Forest. We will contact him and discuss the possibility of doing some logging operations during the 2022-23 winter, weather conditions being critical. Also, we will follow up on issues with boundary pins, invasive plant species, trail expansions, bluebird houses, and improving turtle nesting areas.

3. Date / Time / Location for next three committee meetings:

October 15 - 7:30 AM - Public Safety Building

November 19 - 7:30 AM - Public Safety Building

December 17 - 7:30 AM - Public Safety Building

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 AM

Note: After the meeting, Rob Gibson, Paul Panish, and Brian Lenzi failed in their attempt to locate two iron pipe property boundary pins in the northern corner of the Highway Garage property. Attempt to locate will be continued.