

**Selectboard**  
Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2015

*Present:* John Ogden, Jeremiah Evarts, Greg Eckhardt,(Selectmen),  
Seth Bigelow, Priscilla Grayson (Conservation), Kyle Mason (Forester) ,  
Chrystal Cleary (Clerk), Steve Hall (Roads)

*Next meeting:* February 12, 2014 8am at Landgrove Town Hall

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**I. Called to order 6:04pm**  
**Warning for Town Meeting- Signed**

**II. Conservation Commission**

Seth and Kyle presented the resources assessment for Wendy Evarts Memorial Forest. A large portion of the forest is best used for recreation/trails and the view from the hilltop. Timber resources are limited to a small 3 acre stand of hardwoods which is difficult to access and is not yet mature for harvest. A small firewood operator could go in with landowner cooperation from the east side and selectively harvest a few trees, do some thinning, but great care would be required to not damage the maturing trees. Ideally, trees in this stand should be reassessed/thinned again at 20 years from now and then reach full maturity for timber purposes at 40 years out.

Kyle also brought up the Tree Farm Certification Program, for which this Town Forest would be eligible- this designation doesn't affect the ownership or workability of the forest, but sets an example to other towns for meeting a standard of stewardship and responsible management for care of wood, water, wildlife and recreation. The Selectmen would like to learn more and consider moving forward with that certification.

Cameron Chalmers is the abutter to the timber stand and will be invited to the next Selectmen meeting to discuss the adjacent small cordwood project.

**III. Roads**

Walkie-talkies- it seems buying batteries for Merrills' units would be preferable to buying all new units for the town trucks.

Sanding on Sunday's ice storm was difficult, but Jay did well. Some of the hills were especially challenging (Cody and Ridge Rds).

Steve will call O'Brien to get quotes for resurfacing vs patching for both bridges, so that project can be done this year.

**IV. Planning**

Cameron will move his stuff to Weston before April 1.

**V. Adjourned 7:30pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Chrystal Cleary**