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February 25, 2009

Meeting began 7:15pm, meeting adjourned 9:00pm

**In attendance:** Aaron Worthley, Wally Jenkins, Alan Brace, Steve Hagenbuch, Laura Hill Birmingham, Amy Dohner, Tyler Miller, Margaret Fowle, Heather Pembrook

### **I. Town Forest**

*Guest: Consulting forester and "State of the Forest" author Heather Pembrook*

- Commissioners made final comments, suggestions, changes and edits to the State of the Forest Document
- Important to keep all referenced reports, including Mike Snyder's Town Forest Management Report, together with the State of the Forest report
- In the near future, present entire package to Selectboard for final signatures
- Prepare separate fact-sheet to disseminate at town meeting or to pass out to interested residents
- Include summary at beginning of State of the Forest report
- Implement amendment procedure for future additions to Town Forest Management Plan under "Recommendations" section
- Report needs to include more long-term initiatives, especially educational programs
- Instead of putting solid dates, use near- mid- and long-term sections within a 10-year timeline in "Recommendation" section
- Include wildlife habitat enhancement as a main "opportunity"
- Additional edits will be sent to Heather from individual commissioners

### **II. Trail design grant for Town Forest**

- Design-only mini-grant funding available
- Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC) has a \$25/hour design consultation option
- \$1250 for 50 hours for consultation and design
- VYCC will donate \$250 and we should apply for \$1000 grant
- Fall back plan is to use \$200-300 of HCC money to consult for a few hours with the VYCC members, then apply for a ~\$10,000 grant and build in the design piece with the construction of the trail
- Tyler will take the lead on writing the 1<sup>st</sup> draft, and Aaron, Margaret, and Laura will help out with edits and finalizing

### **III. Annual Report**

- Edits given to Laura who will finalize the Annual Report

### **IV. Zoning and Subdivision**

- Selectboard hearing at the library on Monday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Meeting will be followed by 1 week of public comment
- Documentation on town website and printed copies are available through town office
- Final vote will occur at town meeting

**V. Mail, Minutes**

- Changes made to December minutes
- December minutes unanimously approved
- No mail

**VI. Sugarmakers Openhouse**

- Steve is in charge
- Open house is Saturday, March 28, 2009

**VII. AVCC membership**

- Amy will look into whether we have an AVCC membership

**VIII. HCC calendar**

- Becky Cozzens organizes church calendar, Aaron will make contact with her regarding a potential HCC calendar
- Calendar may be difficult to pay for
- Other ideas include an art exhibit in the library with photography, paintings, etc. highlighting landscapes of Huntington

**IX. Other Business**

- Wally brought up the Organic Consumers Association petition regarding Obama's Secretary of Agriculture choice, Tom Vilsack (pro-GMO, pro-cloning, etc.)