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Rines Forest Advisory Committee
Monday, November 21, 2005
Meeting Minutes

- Present:** Chairman, Bob Waterhouse, Jennifer West, Bob Heyner, Bill Richards, Jeff Porter, Steve Moriarty, Lisa Judd and Henry Milburn.
- Absent:** Tom Hinman, Sally Stockwell, John Stroud and Jeff Steinman
- Others Present:** Bill Shane, Town Manager

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm

I. October 17, 2005 - Meeting Minutes Review & Acceptance

Moved by Bill Richards and Seconded by Henry Milburn. Approved by unanimous consent.

II. Management Plan Structure Review and Homework Assignments

The Committee reviewed the Rines Forest Matrix that was updated with suggested changes at the last meeting. Some new wording was suggested under section *B. Resource Management Activities* and section *C. Trail Maintenance*. Town Manager, Bill Shane would update the document for review at the next meeting. Mr. Shane would also research the Best Management Practices of the Maine Forest Service and the CCSWD to decide which is more restrictive.

The Committee discussed the issue of leaving dead trees under section *B. Resource Management Activities, Forest Management* and decided more information was needed and that Sally Stockwell was the member to check with. Bill Richards also suggested checking to see if the University of Maine at Orono has any resources that could be helpful. Jeff Porter felt that if the trees aren't blocking the trails they should be left alone.

The issue of liability regarding volunteers was discussed. Bill Shane said he would research this issue.

III. Trail Building

The Committee briefly touched on this subject and Jeff Porter suggested that a trail classification be developed to minimize impact on the Forest.

This topic would be discussed in more detail at a future meeting, when more of the committee members could be present.

IV. Review of Parking Letter

The Committee reviewed the letter, discussed the best side of the road to locate the parking and what the plan would be if there were opposition from the residents of Idlewood Drive. Depending on the input from the residents, the Committee may vote that night to make a recommendation to the Council to hold a public hearing or they may choose to take the comments into consideration before making a recommendation. There was discussion of parking alternatives but there were no safe solutions.

The Committee also agreed that members of the Cumberland Mainland Island Trust should be invited to the meeting.

V. Other Business & Future Meetings

- a. The Next Meeting will be held on December 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

A draft of the Rines Forest Management Plan including the submissions from the Committee members will be sent out for review before the next meeting.

- b. The following committee member's terms are expiring as of year end:

Robert Heyner
Lisa Judd
Bob Waterhouse
Tom Hinman

Rob, Lisa, and Bob expressed their desire to remain on the committee. Bill Shane would check with Tom to see if he wishes to remain as well.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Nancy Stroud
Executive Secretary