

MINUTES

A SCHEDULED ROOSEVELT FOREST COMMISSION MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016 AT THE STRATFORD TOWN HALL IN EMPLOYEE LOUNGE AT 7:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bob David; Chairman, Pete Mariconda; Vice Chairman, Chuck Emerson, Bob Ford, Jim Brown, Ellen Scerba-Carey, Frank Bevacqua, Elaine Watson, Edward Bitsco, Tina Manus, 10th District, Town Council, Allen Llewelyn, District 9 ~ Town Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob David, Chairman, Pete Mariconda, Vice Chairman, Frank Bevacqua, Bob Ford, Ellen Scerba-Carey, Elaine Watson, Chuck Emerson, Edward Bitsco, Tina Manus, Allen Llewelyn

GUEST: Larry Ciccarelli, Director, Public Safety

CALL TO ORDER: 7: 06 P.M by Bob David, Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Motion was made by Ellen Scerba-Carey and seconded by Alan Llewelyn for Approval of the minutes from the March 23, 2016 Roosevelt Forest Commission Meeting. The motion was passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

Beaver Update: Larry Ciccarelli came to the meeting and gave us an update on the dams. All the debris from the dam was cleared out. However there seems to be something blocking the water flow upstream in the forest near Pumpkin Ground Road, Larry is planning to look into the further within the next week or so to determine exactly what it is.

Larry also stated that he is going to work on getting a contract with a vendor to install pipes to control that water flow so that we are ready if and when additional Beavers began to build a dam. These pipes cannot be installed until a dam is build. We want to be contracted with a vendor for installation, so we are ready.

There is a start of a dam near Cut spring Road. One (1) Beaver was spotted. Not sure if he will stay or leave the area.

Pete Mariconda will be the Chairperson for the Beaver sub-Committee.

Members are:

Mr. Politica

Mr. Grasso

Ms. McLaughin

Additional members must include: a member of the parks and rec committee and a member of the conservation committee.

Pete Mariconda will touch base with Greg Dancho to see if he is interested in being on the committee.

Pavilion:

Discussion took place regarding the pavilion at the Forest. The Commission does not believe that the pavilion should be rented. We would just like to see reservations be made for usage through the Public Works Department.

Larry Ciccarelli will follow up on getting the missing bolts on the pavilion put in.

NEW BUSINESS:

The bridge on the trail near the youth camping area needs to be repaired. Ed will take care of getting this repaired.

The Commission would like to start a Friends of Roosevelt Forest committee. Elaine Watson will put the committee together. Bob David received e-mails from residents who would like to volunteer to work in the Forest, he will forward these to Elaine. These will all be part of the Friends of Roosevelt Forest Committee.

Frank stated that a resident had asked him if an additional sign can be posted further up the road when the shooting range is being used.

The new hours of the shooting range is: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 3:00.

Bob Ford stated that the tree on the red trail was removed. We are all very happy about that.

Chuck stated that a boy scout started working on the new kiosk project near Beaver Dam Road.

EMS Department purchased a quad with a stretcher that can be attached to it, therefore if someone gets hurt in forest and requires medical attention that can be reached easily.

Ed ask if the Commission had a list of to-do projects. The commission will create one in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 pm. By Bob Ford and seconded by Ellen Scerba-Carey. Passed unanimously

The next regularly scheduled Roosevelt Forest meeting will be held on Wednesday, May, 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at Roosevelt Forest.

