

## Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes 10/23/2013 @ 6 PM

In Attendance: Chris Demers, Dan Brady, Fred Garofalo, David Martella, Dave Long, Jon Brusseau, Don Drew

Guest: Jesse Mohr

Welcomed Jesse Mohr, consultant and forester to our meeting. Jesse is the contact from the Oliverian School which has a similar project to what we are potentially looking to do in Mt. Lakes, but on a larger scale. Jesse also does other work for municipalities, private land owners and districts that are looking at forestry management. He works with another forester, Jeff Smith with Butternut Hollow Forestry.

Jesse said he has had good luck with several agencies that provide funding for the type of work that we are looking to do:

- The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- NH Fish and Game
- state and town grants
- water quality type grants since we are a water district

It was discussed again that the first step towards implementing any plan would be the inventory of what we have in our woods. The total cost of a forestry management plan has been ballparked for us to be between \$4000-\$6000. The majority of this cost goes towards the inventory.

We could reduce the overall cost a few ways:

- Any wetlands mapping that we may already have from previous surveying
- Wetlands mapping may include stream mapping that will be helpful
- Community involvement with trail-mapping

Discussion on loggers and foresters and how they are compensated. Some foresters work on a percentage base and some on an hourly rate. Loggers typically work on a dollar/board foot agreement.

Questions came up on a timber tax and if the district would be subject to that. It is believed that this tax would not apply to us as we are a district.

Submitted,

Dave Long