



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

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Attendance:

Board members:

Dianne Chadderdon

Joe Fox

Steve Isham

Kiko Pacum

Jon Rice

James Sweeney

James Murphy

Tracy Zschau

Matt Langless - county forrester

Public:

??? - current individual who mows / hays the property

Ben Brownell - Public Attendee / new StJ resident bjc227@usnh.edu

public comments - none

Matt Langless reviews how he might help

Reviewed work to date

Grant update from NRCS / Northern Forest Center - unofficial approval of the 25k reimbursement grant

review of grant requirements / what was articulated in the application

check into the "town forest planning toolkit"

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/projects/town-forests/town-forest-recreation-planning-toolkit> - will help with the forrest management plan portion, including how to manage public input. "a cookbook for getting public input"

Matt would be happy to go out and assess the forrest resources. Jillian Killborn - can help with assess the field areas (she has a specialization in grassland birds) - also there are some funds available

Current forrest health - matt is going to have this assessment to us by June

Matt is very interested in seeing this committee adopt a broader mandate to look at the town forest and the stiles (sp?) pond watershed management plan

next meeting - dig into the public input aspects of town forest recreation planning toolkit - shifting the public input meeting to Apr / May, with Mar being a working session with assignments for the committee

getting matt maps and easement materials - a task for Tracy
Will Staats - possible wildlife assessment resource if Jill isn't available