

**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

- Date:** Wednesday, August 4, 2010
- Members present:** Ed White, Chair; Jeff Crosby, Vice-Chair; Ron Jarvis, Secretary; Fred Mullen, Treasurer;
- Members absent:** Jacques Belanger
- Previous minutes:** Minutes from the May 5, 2010 meeting were accepted as corrected. Under new business, the W in White was not capitalized.
- Treasurer's report:** Fred Mullen presented a list of receipts and disbursements and stated that as of the last statement date, June 30, 2010, the treasury contained \$184,914.95.
- The treasurer's report was accepted as read.
- Old business:** The TFC members will walk the three lots mentioned in the May 5, 2010 Date to be announced later.
- New business:** Brian Pike, Chair of the Cemetery Trustees approached the TFC and stated that a new portion of the cemetery on Rt. 13 near the intersection of Rt. 77 had been laid out and roads needed to be built. He was wondering if the TFC would be interested in swapping the loam that needed to be removed for gravel from one of the TFC pits. He thought that the TFC might be able to use the loam to reclaim a pit after the gravel was used up. Members of the TFC stated that its needs for topsoil were met by town road projects where dirty fill (fill with sticks, leaves, bottles and other debris) which cannot be used elsewhere works fine for growing ground covers. Jeff Crosby, a TFC member and the Dunbarton Road Agent pointed out that the gravel from our pits does not pack well and would require several inches of processed gravel to hold the roadways from developing ruts. It would probably be cheaper to use processed gravel only as the two step process might be more expensive. It was suggested that Mr. Pike get prices to compare the suggestions.
- Jeff Crosby was approached by the secretaries at the Dunbarton Town Offices on behalf of the Selectmen and asked if the TFC would donate the cost of the gravel that was used for the new septic system for the Town Offices. Ron Jarvis stated that at the least the selectmen should have approached the TFC before not after the fact. The members felt that with timber taxes they pay the town, which by law the TFC does not have to pay, the tree pruning that is periodically performed on the trees near the library and the occasional purchasing of equipment for the fire department, the TFC does support the town. The TFC will now have to contribute to the annual mowing of the Fogg field. The selectmen agreed from the beginning to pay for the mowing and did for several years. They have now eliminated the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area budget so this burden will fall upon the Conservation Commission and The TFC. With that and other TFC commitments, it was voted not to give the gravel to the town.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Action items:**

The TFC will try to walk the three lots previously mentioned.  
The date will be announced.

**Meeting adjourned:**

Approx. 9:30 pm.

**Next meeting:**

Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at 7:30 pm. in the fire station

**Respectfully**

**Submitted:**

Ronald D. Jarvis – Secretary