

**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

- Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2010
- Members present:** Ed White, Chair; Jeff Crosby, Vice-Chair; Ron Jarvis, Secretary
- Members absent:** Fred Mullen, Treasurer; Jacques Belanger
- Previous minutes:** Minutes from the November 4, 2009 meeting were accepted as read.
- Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report as read by Ron Jarvis stated that as of January 1, 2010, the treasury contained \$172,809.45. It was also reported that some of the TFC funds had been moved to a higher yielding account, but maintained accessibility without penalty.
- The treasurer's report was accepted as read.
- Old business:** The committee discussed investigating more aggressively the purchase of land for long term woodlot use or a woodlot which might have further town use applications.
- Ron Jarvis again reported that the Conservation Commission (CC) was still interested in monitoring the bog on the Town Forest land at the Kimball Pond Road gravel pit. Monitoring will show whether the bog is changing in size and/or quality.
- New business:** It came to the attention of the TFC that the selectmen would be eliminating the budget of the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area. This was a small a small budget item that contained about \$1000 for the mowing of Fogg's field and some trail maintenance. When Forrest and Vera Fogg donated a large piece of land to the Town for conservation use, they asked that the field be mowed annually to maintain bird breeding habitat and the selectmen said that the Town would pick up the tab for the mowing and they(the selectmen) have done that to the present. Since that seems to have changed, the TFC discussed some alternate methods of funding the annual mowing such as a joint effort of the TFC and the CC.
- Also discussed was the possibility of selectively harvesting some of the timber in the Kuncanowet and setting up a protected account to pay all of the Kuncanowet expenses, thus eliminating any future town expenditures. Ed white said that he would talk to the selectmen concerning a separate account.
- Correspondence:** On January 6th, Fred Mullen received the following e-mail from Line at the Town Office.
- "Fred,
Chuck asked what you were going to do with the money? In case you weren't aware of this, the parking area in Gorham pond at the end of Holiday Shore Drive needs allot of attention (gravel, stone?) Is this

something you can bring up at your next meeting to possibly make improvements?”

“the money” refers to the TFC treasury, which the committee agreed should be used for the purchase of land for long term woodlots or woodlots with other town uses.

The reference to the parking lot is the small turnaround at the end of Holiday Shore Drive. Several of the TFC members had been there at different times last year and up into the fall. Jeff Crosby (also the town road agent) stated that the parking area and the driveway leading to it required a minimal amount of gravel, perhaps one yard. The parking area which serves hikers who use the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area (KTFCA) is under the control of KTFCA Committee, not the TFC.

Action items:

Ron Jarvis will deliver the NHTOA dues letter to Fred Mullen and talk to the CC about sharing the costs of the Fogg field maintenance.
Ed White will talk to the selectmen about setting up a protected account for the purpose of maintaining the KTFCA.

Meeting adjourned:

Approx. 9:00 pm.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 5, 2009, at 7:30 pm. in the fire station

Respectfully

Submitted:

Ronald D. Jarvis – Secretary