

MORETOWN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Attendees: Mike Brown, Chris Stephenson, Steve Robbins Don Wexler, John Schmeltzer

Meeting called to order at 5:39 pm

The meeting minutes of January 4, 2024, were amended and then unanimously approved.

- Discussion of ownership of Town land following email from VT Land Trust on this subject.
- Town has engaged with attorney Ron Shems to review and report on ownership of the lots that make up the Town Forest property.
- Again, unanimous consensus that the process of sharing the draft & gaining public input should move forward at the same time as research is taken to resolve the ownership issue.

Draft Plan Comments:

Add mission statement / intent to plan.

Remove redundant map(s).

Mike B. will coordinate and work with Sasha E. to undertake the next steps below:

Next Steps

- Request and reach out for Public Comment!
 - Post draft plan to town website
 - Send copies to all abutting landowners
 - Post notice and link to plan in Front Porch Forum – Shasha E.
 - Recreation Committee to help spread the word – Chris S.
 - Post in MES letters and publications – In her absence, we hope Katelyn K. can assist with this.
 - Mike suggested comments can be sent to his email address.
- Get on Selectboard Meeting of 4/1/24 to discuss & gain public feedback.
- Advertise and discuss at pre-town meeting & town meeting.
- All committee members are encouraged to attend the above meetings!

Don W. led a short discussion regarding other valley town Conservation Commission's efforts to control Knotweed and if / how Moretown should join / coordinate efforts.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18 pm

NOTE – NO ADDITIONAL MEETING SET, PENDING THE SELECTBOARD MEETING SET FOR 4/1/24.