

CANAAN COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE
November 19, 2015

Present: Chris Masson, Eugene Reid, Chris Brady, Yvan Doyon and Odette Crawford.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. Eugene made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting, motion seconded by Yvan and approved unanimously.

Eugene and Chris Brady gave an update on the Sugar House. The frame is completed and Mitch Coderre, private contractor, assisted the Building Trades class with putting the roof trusses up. The students built a cupola on the ground and Mitch used his equipment to set it up on the roof. The students did the ground work, forms, rebar etc in preparation for the concrete pour and cement contractor Wayne Dorman helped with the finish/polish work. Eugene noted that most contractors he's been working with, including Bruce Owen for the gravel, were providing their services at reduced rates which is greatly appreciated. Chris Brady said that most of the 1 inch lines are installed. Supplier Lapierre has called and said that the storage tank has arrived and Chris plans to pick that up on the 24th. The evaporator is 2 ½ feet by 10 and has new pans and is on wheels/castors, and the steam hood and covers are all included. Chris said that NCIC has announced that they will be donating \$10,000 towards the purchase of the maple syrup equipment so this was truly exciting and a great boost to the plans as it allows for the purchase of most everything that will be needed to boil in the spring. Chris said that the students are really taking ownership of this project because things are moving ahead and visible. One of his students had worked for Sweet Tree this past summer installing lines, but had never participated in a boil, so excitement is building. Chris Masson thought that next spring while the boiling is going on he would like to see the entire school make a trip to the sugarhouse to see and taste the results of all the hard work. The committee agreed and also suggested that a weekend date be planned to invite the townspeople to share in all the sweet stuff.

A review of the Financials was completed. Eugene noted that some invoices are still outstanding and should arrive soon.

Noreen had informed Chris Masson earlier in the day, that a meeting of the NH DRED personnel, as well as the people involved with Tata and Howard, were planning to gather in Concord NH on December 9th, to discuss the installation of the new water line and they were hoping to schedule that in the fall of October 2016 after the ATV season is over and before the snowmobiling season begins. If that is done then the ATV will not need to be re-routed through the Community Forest.

Eugene Reid reported that Garrett Graves didn't have an opportunity to dig out the former pond and he's hopeful that he'll be able to do so in the future.

Chris Masson reported that the Game of Logging Levels 1 and 2 were held on October 3rd and 4th, 2015 and that 6 people had attended: 2 male and 4 female and that the average age of the group was perhaps 63. Levels 3 and 4 are scheduled for December 5th and 6th, 2015 and so far 3 people have said they will continue and Chris and Eugene said they would contact a few of the students to fill in the spots. The money planned for this event, \$10,000, has not yet been fully spent. Chris Brady suggested that we contact Dana from the NH Loggers Association and request that he teach a safety / logging

practices class to the students and perhaps some of the GOL funds can be used for that. Chris Masson will look into it.

On November 7th, 2015 the Vermont Town Forests Centennial Celebration was held in Randolph VT. Our Canaan Community Forest was selected as a 'Centennial Town Forest Award Recipient' and a former student of Chris Brady and Eugene Reid, Kevin Arias, was very happy to accept the award on behalf of the Town and the Forest Committee. Kevin is currently a student at Vermont Tech where the award ceremony was held. Kevin is studying agricultural business/finance. The committee is grateful to Kevin for stepping up when asked and also thanks Matt Langlais for nominating Canaan.

Chris Brady asked who would be plowing the access road into Sugar Camp. He and the students have been using the road by Michael Daley's house and he said that the road needs some work done do it before plowing. Chris Masson said he would speak to the Selectmen about it.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM on a motion by Eugene and seconded by Yvan.

Respectfully submitted,
Odette Crawford
Clerk