

Charlestown Conservation Commission
Special Meeting
06-14-21

Members present: Jeff Lessels; ex-officio, Dean Bascom, Jim Fowler, Sue Forcier, Dick Holmes.

Guests: Dick Lincourt and Jeff Snitkin of Full Circle Forestry, LLC.

6:33 pm meeting called to order by Dick Holmes, chairman.

Jeff Snitkin summarized his Forest Management Plan for "Sam's Hill Forest", 1110 Acworth Rd; for the group.

Main objectives.

1. Sustainably manage while enhancing the quality and quantity of the timber resource.
2. Develop and maintain passive recreational opportunities while protecting the scenic beauty of the property.
3. Protection of soils and wetlands as well as aesthetic and cultural attributes.
4. Protection of water quality by using best management practices during and after a timber harvest.
5. Control invasive species.

Jeff discussed each of the designated 4 stands/lots, their makeup and his recommendations. Lengthy discussion regarding accessibility; condition of road base and culverts in order to construct landing area. This included funding resources and possible "cost-sharing" through NRCS application process.

A couple of Jeff's many observations were that there was no evidence of Emerald Ash Borer and that it appears any young growth of hardwoods were being "browsed off" by deer.

Treatment of invasive species; Bittersweet and Gloss Buckthorn to name a few, should be done soon.

Following much discussion on Jeff's objectives, members approved the plan as presented.

Members also approved of paying Full Circle Forestry the remaining balance due of \$1600.00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Minutes submitted by Sue Forcier, secretary

Minutes approved by Dick Holmes, chair

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Date