

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee
Town of Conway, Massachusetts
June 2, 2022
6:30 pm Zoom

Present:

Members: Marilyn Webster, Deb Donaldson, Priscilla Lynch, Suzanne Artemieff

Associate Members: Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Invited Guests: Mary Wigmore, Forester & co-author Town Forest Stewardship Plans (FSPs); Joshua Rapp, Mass Audubon; Andrew Randazzo, Forest Ecologist, Mass Audubon; Véronique Blanchard, Town Administrator; Phillip Kantor, Chair Selectboard

Called to order, 6:33 pm by Marilyn Webster.

Andrew Randazzo shared a presentation on the Forest Climate Resilience Program, including a timeline of events leading up to the current pilot program and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action grants and answered questions.

Mary Wigmore spoke more specifically to Conway's FSPs and their update to address climate resiliency, noting that she was not changing the plans, but simply adding recommendations for climate resiliency practices based on the latest science. She responded to questions around carbon sequestration and storage and, specifically, concerns regarding the practice of selected harvesting. She also underscored that the plans were the product of the input from many town residents and any changes would need to take that into consideration. Mary, Josh and Andrew all reiterated that the Town of Conway has the ultimate say in what aspects of the plans get implemented, if any.

Next Meeting Dates:

June 22, 6:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.