

17 March 2014

Mary Daly, Chair  
Jay Barrett  
David Colby

Attached are the summaries of my research of the three land areas which make up the Fairlee Town Forest. Following are my comments:

Fairlee Town Forest (aka The Timber Trust)

- in 1993 the voters approved 4% of the logging proceeds be set aside for road maintenance. Would it be possible to have the treasurer audit the past 21 years in that regard to establish the total amount of funds available in addition to the 10% principal the committee is allowed to use annually?
- in 1971 the voters approved setting aside 10 to 20 acres of land for use by the "Fairlee Boy and Girl Scouts". The documents on file indicate that the area was set aside for Orford New Hampshire's Troop 36. The committee does not have an issue with the ambiguous nature of the documents.

Gravel Pit

- at a special warned meeting September 24, 1984 the voter's approved allowing the "taxpayers" to approve any expenses related to the development (for recreational purposes) of the property. Does this need to be addressed as I believe that the word "taxpayers" should have been "voters"?
- note the confusing (at least to me) language in the deed, "And further excepting and reserving water rights of Lake Morey Inn, Inc. and Massachusetts Girl Scouts." I'm not sure exactly what that means or how the Massachusetts Girl Scouts came into play.

William H. Lange Memorial Forest

- I only caution that the March 17, 1980 guidelines, prepared and signed by three select board members and published in the 1980 annual report not be used as a number of items contradict the conditions of the grant.

I am submitting four copies, one for each select board member and one for the Town Clerk via the Town Administrator once my work has been "blessed" by the select board. Once approved, I would ask that the Town Treasurer be given copies to assist that position with any future audits.

Would the select board or town administrator notify the forest committee in advance of any visit by the ATV, snowmobile, or any other organized group's appearance in front of the select board if it relates to the town's forest?

I will be out of town from March 20 through the 27<sup>th</sup> but will make myself available to answer any questions which the board may have.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Matthews  
Fairlee Town Forest Committee, Chairman