

Notes for BOS public hearing October 23, 2023

(Taken from the Danville Forest Management Plan/ Danville Town Forest dated November 2, 2020 and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and accepted by Town voters March 2022,

Article 2022-19 Acceptance of the Town Forest Management Plan To see if the Town of Danville will vote to accept the 2020 Forest Management Plan for the Danville Town Forest, Danville, New Hampshire, prepared by Dalton Mountain Forestry and accepted by the Danville Forestry Committee and the NH Audubon Society (Town Forest conservation easement holder). This plan has been prepared in accordance with RSA 31: 111 to encourage the proper management of natural resources. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) No Impact Tax**

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(Forest Management Plan can be found on the Town of Danville town website, under the Forestry Committee tab)

p. 57, par. 1: Access Roads, Forest Trails, and Landings

"It is most efficient and cost effective to have any road and/or log yard work completed as part of the forest management entry, and the costs incurred can be itemized and deducted from timber values harvested from that particular access point."

"Each management unit can be accessed utilizing an existing woods road or trail system."

p. 59: Schedule of Implementation

par. 1: "Costs associated with access roads and log yards will be a one-time expense."

par. 2: 2021 - Management Unit 2

"Utilize existing road along the powerline easement. Establish access road and log yard for Stand 8 for forest management. Estimated costs \$3,500.00"

"Re-enter management unit 2 in 2041....."

"Example of 2021 financial summary:"

Access road and log yard - \$3,500.00 listed as a cost deduction from revenue

P. 15: **Forest Protection**

"In respect to forest fires, there is no imminent danger. Fire danger throughout New Hampshire is typically low. The average size of a NH forest fire is typically small in size. The natural vegetation and damp characteristics of the forest typically limit fire dangers without the need for man-made fire breaks or barriers. Natural fire breaks such as streams, wetlands, woods roads, and town roads are likely sufficient protection."

P. 26: Top of page - **Management Unit 2**

Description (first par.):

The forester says, "This management area is located along the eastern side of the powerline easement and west of the large wetland complex that bisects the Town Forest and floods Tuckertown Road."

Access (middle of page):

The forester says, "There is an existing log yard opportunity in an old gravel pit in stand 10 accessed via Tuckertown Road, **but there is a section of Tuckertown Road that would require improvements, including the widening of the road and installing a culvert. It may not be economical to invest in this improvement since the majority of the timber in this unit is best accessed via the powerline easement utilizing a log yard situated within stand 8."**

Dennis Quintal report/recommendations from town engineer, Dennis Quintal.

Attached is the report/recommendations from town engineer, Dennis Quintal, when he walked/reviewed Tuckertown Rd. when Terra was last here in 2016-17. This letter refers to Terra Realty Trust proposed gravel pit off Tucker town Road from Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc.

(Note this report was given to the BOS when it was written.)

The station #'s he is referring to are the station #'3 shown on Terra's road plans, from Main St. to the power Line. The lower #'s are areas closest to Main St., mid #'s are for the midsection, and higher #'s are towards the end, before the power Line.

See page 2, # 7: he notes that area is too narrow for tri-axel trucks or fire trucks, but he says all that's needed there is to cut a few trees on one side and excavate a narrow portion of the steep bank.

(My memory is this area is closer to Main Street. I didn't see any other mention by him in this report of other areas that are too narrow for fire trucks.)

Page 2, #8: This is the area Forestry applied to Heritage to improve. Dennis recommends crushed stone over the surface to allow water to pass over during high water levels. Says if gravel is used, it could erode into the wetlands.

(There are no other comments by him about this area.)

Page 3, #7: He repeats what he said on P. 2, #7 about widening the road by cutting a few trees and excavating a narrow portion of the bank so tri-axel trucks and fire trucks can pass.

Page 3, #8, He repeats what he said on P. 2, #8 about the area Forestry applied to Heritage for. Says Terra agreed a Geogrid mat would be placed over this section and crushed stone placed over the surface to allow water to pass over during high water levels. He repeats gravel should not be used since it could erode into the wetlands.

(Note there is no mention of putting in culverts or applying a road base.)

Letter attached to the notes dated September 23, 2016

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