**Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee**

**4/01/19**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm** in the conference room of the Town Offices.

**Attendees:** Dianne Norton-Co-Chair, John Nininger, Cortney Blake, Andrea Franklin

**Guests**: Dave Paganelli, Bob Beaulieu

**Tucker Mountain Town Forest –** The meeting was turned over to Dave Paganelli, County Forester, to provide the group with information about the Tucker Mountain Forest and his impressions from viewing/walking the land.

Items touched upon included:

* Growth at the view on the top.
* Aggressive, rough cutting of the property particularly in the last 2-3 years, which he felt was barely acceptable for a current use property. Not much was left for current timber value.
* Discussion of particular stands and rough suggestions for cutting.
* Explanation of even vs uneven age management techniques.
* Discussion of methods for managing the forest, depending on our decision for uses and income.
* Feasibility of horse drawn logging operations.
* Reinforce the time, effort, labor, money, and commitment needed to manage properly.

Dave provided us with much information to consider as we progress with a forestry management plan, decision on our forester, and thoughts for the future. He graciously answered questions from the Committee throughout his presentation.

The meeting was recorded for the benefit of members unable to attend and for future study and use.

Dave wrapped up the meeting and left at 8:00.

**Next Meeting Plans -** Dianne reminded everyone to review the Interim Management Plan and proposed updates for the next meeting so we’re all prepared to work on that document.

**Minutes** - The minutes from the last meeting were presented. A motion was made and the minutes were accepted as written.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm**. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by: Dianne Norton