

East Haddam Conservation Commission
Forestry Management Sub-committee
Meeting Minutes for the March 21, 2012 Sub-committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday 3/21/12
Meeting Start Time: 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Gelston Home at 50 Bogel Road

Meeting Attendees:

Todd Gelston
Sue Merrow
TJ Tarbox

Subjects covered:

- Plan and preparations for the 4/21/12 Work Day and Cook-out on the Nichols Parcel.
- Remediation Plan for the logged areas of the Nichols' Parcel.
- Review of additional parcels for Timber Harvest potential.
- Timber Harvest Fund Status.

The meeting started with a review of the Tasks needed to remediate the logged areas of the Nichols Parcel. The Tasks are as follows:

1. Clear the trails of debris.
2. Fill-in the Trench in one of the skidder tracks.
3. Scratch the hard ground area (Landing Area).
4. Spread the seed.
5. Back rake the seeded area.
6. Roll the Landing Area.
7. Make a stencil for the Trail Markers.
8. Mark the Trails where needed.
9. Cut the Branch Piles that are over four feet in height and cut them down to 4 feet or less.
10. Start work on the Orange or Red Trail.

It was agreed that we invite Lisa Niccolai to the Work Day and Cook-out. Michael Haines is already invited and very much wants to help with the remediation.

The Seeding Plan is to follow Michael Haines's recommendation and use a combination of grass types – Shady where shady, regular grass where there is more sun, and contractor mix where there is more sun.

The attendees reviewed potential lands for Timber Harvest. They reached a consensus that the next likely parcel for timber harvest is the Shugrue Property. The Sub-Committee needs to ask Lisa to evaluate the potential.

The Meeting concluded with a brief discussion on the amount of money in the Timber Harvest Account.

The Meeting concluded at 8:45 PM.

Meeting Minutes written by Todd Gelston.