

East Haddam Conservation Commission  
Forestry Management Sub-committee  
Meeting Minutes for the 11/17/11 Sub-committee

Meeting Date: Thursday 11/17/11  
Meeting Start Time: 7:30 PM  
Meeting Location: Gelston Home at 50 Bogel Road

Meeting Attendees:

Todd Gelston  
Sue Merrow  
TJ Tarbox

The meeting started with a review of the status of the Timber Harvest on the Nichols Parcel. Todd Gelston reported that the Harvest got off to a fast start but has been slowed down due to the recent rains and the lack of freezing temperatures. It is uncertain when the logging work will be completed.

Next, the attendees discussed the status of the boundary marking for the Harris Property. TJ Tarbox reported that it has been marked. However, the markings need to be verified.

TJ Tarbox provided a summary of the Forestry Management Seminar that he attended in eastern Connecticut recently. The Seminar was led by Chris Casaedi (860-235-6550 Cell or 860-974-0127 Ext. 21 Work) and was intended for private owners of woodlots who either need income from the woodlot or want to provide proper management for wildlife. The Seminar Leader explained that there are 3 types of Cuts – 1. Shelter Cut, 2. Clear Cut, or 3. Thinning Cut. The Seminar visited and reviewed two properties. TJ stated that the Seminar was excellent.

Next, the attendees discussed the need to select another parcel for a Timber Harvest. The attendees reviewed the list of Open Space Properties owned by the Town of East Haddam. In particular, the attendees review 14 Open Space properties for Timber Harvest potential. They were:

1. Heritage Brook on Schulman-Veslak Road of 30 acres --- Good for Fuel Wood
2. Boot Rock (Lyons 1) on Route 82 of 28.5 acres ----- May have Timber potential
3. Lyons 2 on Baker Lane of 38.3 acres ----Has Lisa already evaluated?
4. High School on School Drive of 29.7 acres ---- May have Timber potential.
5. Patrell Parcel on Baker Lane of 37.0 acres ---- May have Timber potential.
6. Sabine Parcel on Daniel Peck Road of 70.0 acres ---- Logged 7 years ago.
7. Shagrue Parcel on Ackley Cemetary Road of 274 acres ----- May have Timber potential.
8. Shanaghan Parcel on Petticoat Lane of 46.4 acres ---- Where is it?
9. Triano Parcel on Great Hillwood Road of 12 acres ---- Where is it?

10. Town Beach Parcel on Mott Lane of 56.4 acres ---- Waiting for a better market.
11. Urbanik Parcel on Foxtown Cemetary Road of 86.0 acres ---- May have Timber potential.
12. Rose Farm Homestead on Town Street of 68 acres ---- Logged 2 years ago.
13. Winterbrooke Parcel on Town Street of 20 acres ---- May have Timber potential.
14. Middle School on Clark Gates Road of XX acres ---- May have Timber potential.

TJ Tarbox volunteered to check out all of the “May have Timber potential” properties except for the High School Property. Todd Gelston will evaluate the High School Property for Timber potential.

The Meeting concluded 8:55 PM.