



# Town of Ashland

## M A S S A C H U S E T T S

Town Forest Committee Minutes

Wednesday February 8, 2023

Members Present: Martin Auger, Brian Forestal, Cara Hulme, Brian McGrattan, Venkat Kakula, and Amol Rane

Members Absent: Ed Hart and Mike Jones

Public Present:

### Call to Order

- Brian M updated on Rob's resignation from town forest committee
- A vote on replacing Rob as spending authority for the town forest maintenance activities. Motion passed 3-1
- Venkat to take the responsibility for Conservation Committee communication and proposal
- Brian M to work on establishing the relationship with the town authorities and select board
- Venkat to be nominated a full voting member on the town forest committee. Motion passed 4-0
- Minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0-0
- Cara presented the expense report and the same was approved 4-0
- Cara presented the Rob's expense report and the same was approved 4-0
- There was a discussion on doing some repair work at the bungalow in the forest. There will be more discussion on this topic in the future meetings
- Trail maintenance grant- Cost and scope of work to be documented in the excel template. Need to write a RFP and ask for proposals/bids
- Meeting with DPW director completed

- There was a discussion on the ATF mission statement and some modifications were made to the verbiage in the draft
- Brian M proposed the formation of sub committees to accomplish specific tasks. This will be discussed in detail at next meeting
- Brian F to continue working on the relationships with Sudbury Valley trustees