



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Ashland Town Forest Committee (ATFC) Minutes of EMERGENCY Meeting February 26, 2026

Member	Role	Present	Absent
Brian Forestal (BF)	Member	YES	
Cara Hulme (CH)	Co-Chair	YES	
Ed Hart (EH)	Associate member		x
Mike Jones (MJ)	Co-Chair	YES	
Rob St. Germain (RSG)	Treasurer	YES	
Mary Panda	Member	YES	
John DeRosa	Associate member		x
Sunil Krishnamurthy	Associate member	YES	
Colin Large	Associate member		x
Jackie Ekins	Public Present		x

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:03**

This is an EMERGENCY meeting called to discuss urgent issued related to the Buggy

- Rob shared with the committee that he took the buggy into the forest for a test run but was stranded near the section where the hydrant is, due to the battery dying
- He called the DPW for help and they subsequently arrived with a truck that towed the buggy (and Rob) to the DPW facility on Ponderosa Road
- It was decided that the batteries needed to be inspected by a competent repair shop and either repaired or replaced, depending on the recommendation
- Multiple repair shop options were discussed and it was determined that Higgins Powersports in Barre MA would be the best option. Mike Jones had spoken to them about the issues and they offered to take a look and provide suggestions. They also offered to pick up and drop off the buggy for a total fee of \$250 (Approved 5-0-0)
- Mike Jones and Brian Forrestal to take a look at the buggy one last time on Friday (2/27) at 10am at the DPW location to see if they can identify any issues.
- If not, the buggy will be picked up by the dealership within a week

**Motion to adjourn the meeting 7:33pm - Passed 5-0-0**