

**Town Forest Committee (TFC)
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021**

In attendance via Zoom: Liana Cosgrove, Matt Lunsten, Chris Weylman, Gary Riggott, Tom Snieder. Guests: Phil Benjamin and Tom Farell

Accepted Minutes: 3-0-0

- Call to order at 7:07 pm
- Acceptance of minutes from December 8, 2020: Accepted 3-0-0
- Open time for community at large: none present
- Treasurer Report: \$9,123.25

New Business

- TF committee would look into QR codes to be placed on kiosks for those users who have smartphones and wish to download the map.
- Gary wishes to delegate placing signage numbers on trees to mark trails. Matt accepted the assignment. (Liana will help out as time permits)
- Gary asked group to bring ideas of improvement we think are needed near Jarvis Farm/ boardwalk area of TF in order to think about spending down Improvement Fund.
- TF management plan was reviewed with Phil and Tom. The group decided on a “walk – thru” to discuss and see areas outlined in TF management plan. Walk is scheduled for 4/12 @ 3pm, opposite #673, walk was re- scheduled to 4/19 @ 2pm meeting at Water Department.
- Justin will be asked to regrade South St. parking lot at DPW earliest convenience.
- TF committee voted 3-0-0 to accept mission statement *(below)
- Let Gary know if you see maps running low in any kiosks or Town Hall.
- Quarterly meetings are scheduled on second Tuesday of month. Meetings of 2021 are **June 8th, September 14th, and December 14th.**

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- Proposed Mission Statement: The vision is to provide Walpole residents the enjoyment a forest can bring and preserving that experience for future generations. The emphasis today is on passive recreation, watershed protection, aesthetic attraction, and preservation of a healthy forest ecosystem.