

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – 15 August 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Francestown, NH

Trustees present: Brad Howell, Henry Kunhardt.

Others present: Polly Freeze, Betsy Hardwick, Ben Haubrich, Guy Tolman, Barry Wicklow.

Agenda: Site walk of Moulton Family Forest, a Francestown Land Trust property.

Meeting convened at 5:30 pm at the former Cleaves house on Journeys End Road.

Freeze presented a Cemetery Plot deed for signature, which Chairman Howell signed.

Wicklow seeks a letter of support from the Selectmen for an ARM grant he is pursuing to enable the Land Trust to purchase the "Brooks property" on the Turnpike. He will submit documentation for this project to the Selectmen at a later date.

Howell, Kunhardt, Hardwick, and Haubrich walked the access road to Scobie Pond with side trips to the hayfield, wetlands, and abandoned cabin site; also a short pause to observe some aerial dispute resolution between a bald eagle and an osprey. Haubrich and Hardwick explained the Land Trust's position that the shorefront is unsuitable for use as a public beach due to the donor's wishes, Trust conservation issues, permitting requirements, and physical logistics. In accordance with the donor's wishes, however, the land will remain open to the public.

Howell and Kunhardt agreed that current Wetlands regulations and the site's remote location made it unattractive for the Town to pursue construction of a public beach at this location, should such access be offered by the landowner. No such offer has been made.

Adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Kunhardt
Selectman

