

Conservation Commission Minutes – Work Session
Feb. 19, 2018
5-6:15 PM Jackson Town Office
Draft Minutes

Members present: Tom Seidel, Margaret Graciano, Mark Ross-Parent, Mike Dufilho, Pam Smillie, Bill Terry

Susan Ross-Parent took notes

Work Session: goal: to establish restrictions in place from the deed and agreements with JSTF and USFS and then to find updated notes on current uses

Review of Selectmen's Meeting from Dec. 1, 2014 CC/Selectmen meeting re: Prospect Farm

2 groups: review files for

A. earlier rules and regs of use of PF

B. how it's being used now

Regroup and share

A. Earlier Rules group found:

Mrs. Baker's donation of land to town in memory of her husband

B. Current use

2003 - blue binder PF forest management plan: timeline for PF from town vote to accept in 1938 to 2003

No off road/motorized vehicle rec use - from a letter from 2004

Snow machines permitted by town meeting in 2004

2014 - last meeting

Unanimous vote - to limit motorized vehicles

Camping allowed but not encouraged

Key to access for residents to get shot deer

Horseback riding

Forest management: sales for revenue for road and parking care and forestry growth management...

Questions:

Deer stand near the road?

Agreement with JSTF? Can snow machine and xc trails exist together like at Bear Notch?

Conclusion: list of current uses - most are traditional uses

A. Earlier Rules

(we don't have a full copy) Will says: for a public park ...

Nothing specific about vehicles past the gate

Public has questioned: what is a park?

Edith Baker's will is not clear about how long logging can continue

Conclusion:

Public will want to let us know how they've been using it
With their input and the history of use and rules

CC talking points for next public meeting:

CC went through files, found these that we recommend

List of rules or guiding document?

→ Mission at PF via CC: recreation, resource extraction (forestry practices,) ecological mission,
cultural/historical: how to weight each one?

1 page executive summary

Allow the town to make the choices.

Written before next meeting

General statements to start mission statement writing:

Continued use as recreation area with trail network for residents and visitors

Traditional use/multi use gifted by the Bakers

A special chunk of NF with special privileges to Jackson residents

Forestry management for maintenance

Whereas rec doesn't significantly impact natural and cultural resources, safety and security of
those using the area

Will states forest reserved so called - tied to that

1942 Edith Baker Will

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ross-Parent