

**Bear Brook State Park Management Plan Revision
Steering Committee Meeting – March 5, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair Tom DiMaggio

Steering Committee Members Present

Tom DiMaggio	Non-Motorized Recreation
Avis Rosenfield	Non-Motorized Recreation
Armand Verville	Cultural and Historic Resources
Tom St. Martin	Town of Candia
Wendy Weisiger	Forest Management
Dan Dwyer	Non-Motorized Recreation
Matthew Lavoie	Town of Hooksett
Jeff Eames	Forest Products Industry

Steering Committee Members Absent

Eric Orff	Sportsmen
Jeff Lougee	Forest Ecology
Brian Adams	Conservation Commission
Sandra McKenney	Town of Allenstown
Carol Foss	Non Game Wildlife
Steve Hampl	Motorized Recreation
Suzanne Smith	State Park System Advisory Council

Minutes

Tom St. Martin motioned to accept the minutes, Dan Dwyer seconded the motion, and there were no corrections.

Chapters 8 & 9

Will Guinn discussed the changes to chapters 8 & 9 that were made in response to the discussion at the January meeting. A short section on invasive species was added and there was additional information about fungi in soils.

Wendy asked if DNCR has a pesticide (a general term for pesticides & herbicides) policy. Will replied that generally DNCR prefers mechanical removal but several staff are certified to apply pesticides if needed. Wendy suggested that pesticides be added to the invasive species section as a tool used.

Tom St. Martin asked if there are other invasive species the public should be educated about? Will replied that the Forest Health bureau in cooperation with other agencies have programs that educate the public and landowners about invasive species and their management. There are other vectors other than forestry equipment such as animals and recreational equipment (snowmobiles/boats). Will add information into the recreation chapter about the programs that monitor recreation introduced invasive species.

Dan asked if the bodies of water are considered part of the forest? The water is part of the same ecological systems as the forest. Add DES boat monitoring program to recreation chapter.

Chapter 10 Presentation – Billy Kunelius and Scott Rolfe

The in-depth PowerPoint touched on the major themes in the chapter. Starting with an overview history of the property and its management.

Key parts of the presentation include;

- The economic impact of the last 25 years of forest management, totaling \$1,938,384 of timber tax paid to the towns.
- A natural resource inventory is recommended to be done, last completed in 1990.
- Discussed the forest composition, mostly Red Oak and White Pine and the acres of cover type (2,100 White Pine, 2,600 Red Oak, 3,000 Red Oak/White Pine).
- There are 4,969 operable acres in the park.
- Of the Area Suitable for Timber Management; 3,800 acres are no harvest (water bodies, wetlands, steep slopes), 1,200 are restricted (buffers along roads, streams and ponds), 4,969
 - Dan asked if it was intended that 50% would be restricted and 50% would be unrestricted? Scott replied, no, however, many of the state reservations are this mix.
 - Jeff E asked about if the new law about basal area along class 6 roads affect the restricted acreage... Will replied, no, the park doesn't have many class 6 roads, most roads in the park are class 3 recreational highways.
- When discussing the Timber Sale process it was asked if salvage sales can move faster, Will explained they can and there is a short form process to implement salvage sales quickly.

Presentation Comments

- In the forest history section, add some recreation history to flesh out the resource history.
- Missed patch cuts as a silviculture treatment. DFL replied that they usually don't target less than 5 acres.
- Forest products section did not include pellets. DFL replied that that product is from chips, but will add.
- Add info about log grade markets
- Will someone misunderstand the carbon credits language? Do we need to add that criteria 1 designation is elective and not restricted in other ways (ie: deed)
- Add info on economic impact... each loaded log truck has appx \$1,500 of secondary benefits (fuel, insurance, coffee, etc.)
- Add pie chart from presentation about soils rather than the table.
- Wendy will email Will an example of a pie chart that shows grade of wood and value.

Next Meeting Date!

Thursday May 14, 2020, 5:30... DNCR 172 Pembroke Road, Concord

Chapter 11 – Recreation Management

Bear Brook State Park Steering Committee webpage:

<https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/commissions-committees/bear-brook-state-park-management-plan-committee>