

TOWN OF EAST LYME

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JUNE 4, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Paul Formica (Entered at 8:27 p.m.)

Mark Nickerson

Kevin Seery

Holly Cheeseman

Rose Ann Hardy

Rob Wilson

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June 9, 2014 AT 9:35 AM/PM
Paul Formica, att
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present:

Anna Johnson, Finance Director

Dave Putnam, Parks and Recreation Director

Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director

Tracy Collins, Town Attorney

Mr. Nickerson commenced the Special Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1a. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Nickerson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

There were no additional Agenda and Consent Calendar items.

c. Delegations

Ron Rando of 194 Boston Post Road, East Lyme discussed concerns he has with the Boardwalk plans. He believes there should be screen mesh over the rocks to hold them in place. He is also upset with an employee downstairs in the Town Hall. Mr. Rando stated he is a friend of business in Town, and this Town drives businesses out. This Board needs to listen to the people of East Lyme and not just one person. We need tax money in this Town. He also asked where the legal fees are coming from to pay for the New England National lawsuits. He was told they total approximately \$680,000, and now we are getting sued again. He and others worked hard to get the automatic referendum in Town, and it is a disgrace that people don't vote.

Susan Welshock who is the East Lyme Boys Tennis Coach stated the courts are in deplorable condition. They only use 5 of the 6 courts. There are 15 schools in their Conference. We have the worst courts except for Montville. We produce high level players, and if they had better courts they could host events. The community also uses the courts. The facility is in very bad shape.

Tom Foley of 43 Webster Road, East Lyme stated a few years ago he was the Assistant Coach of the Girls Tennis Team. He went to a Town Meeting and the Town did do repairs, but they were temporary. In 1 to 3 years they may have to make a safety decision about these courts. He strongly recommends they address this, the drainage situation, and adequate fencing.

d. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2014

Motion (1) Mr. Seery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2014 as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy.

Motion Passed 3-0-2 (Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Wilson abstained)

e. Consent Calendar

Motion (2) Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of June 4, 2014 in the amount of \$8673.91.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Presentation: Recognition Photo - East Lyme Sports Hall of Fame

Dave Putnam and Milan Keser representing the East Lyme Sports Hall of Fame presented a framed photo with the recent class of inductees into the East Lyme Sports Hall of Fame. The recent inductees are Judy Deeb, Scott Nadeau, Liz Walker Sutman, John McDonald, Richard North, Jim Littlefield, and Sam Peretz. Mr. Keser thanked the committee that worked on this, and the many people in East Lyme who donated money.

2. New Business

a. Presentation and Discussion Niantic River Headwaters Preserve (formerly known as Gurley Brook Preserve)

**** Attorney Collins left the meeting.**

Steve Harney of KSK Associates gave a presentation on a potential open space acquisition opportunity for the Town. He presented a map of the town showing the parcel, and stated it was listed as number 24 on the town's list of 65 parcels designated as Key Preservation Type 1. He received a letter from the Town encouraging him to come to the Town if he was interested in selling the property to the Town. There are grant programs out there. The New England Forestry Foundation has stepped in to become potentially involved with this parcel. There are economic benefits to the Town if they acquired this Open Space. He stated the cost to taxpayers would be approximately \$2.50 per year per house. He stated the New England Forestry Foundation is equipped for the stewardship of this piece of land.

Whitney Beels of the New England Forestry Foundation stated he is the Director of Land Protection. They practice sustainable forest management. It is important for the Town to protect this parcel. The most important product of protecting the forest is clean water. This would be a bargain for the town and a step toward the open space goals. They would prepare a forest management plan by a licensed forester. They update the plan every 10 years. They mark trees for harvesting; some trees are marked for removal. They almost never have to replace trees in New England. Once they harvest the trees they sell the lumber. Potentially the Town could match the State grant and the Town would acquire a conservation easement and a trail easement, and the New England Forestry Foundation would own the land. There would be parking areas and a trail network. The development rights would be removed from the property.

Mr. Harney would be happy to have a discussion about the potential price of the property, and he has obtained 2 appraisals. There are 166 acres available.

The Board would like to get more information on this property. Mr. Harney stated he would be happy to meet with them again whenever they wanted.

Mr. Beels presented information material on his foundation. (Attached as Exhibit A)

****Attorney Collins returned to the meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

b. Appointment – Special Constables

Motion (3) Mr. Seery moved to appoint Paul T. Holmes, 278 Main Street, Niantic as a Part Time Officer for a period of six months beginning July 1, 2014.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy.

Motion Passed 5-0.

c. Authorize First Selectman to Sign Lease for Art Show/Lobsterfest with Lions

Motion (4) Mr. Seery moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign a lease with the Lions Club for Lobsterfest 2014.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.

Motion Passed 5-0

d. Fiscal Year Transfers within Budgets

Motion (5) Mr. Seery moved to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$49,619.82 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2014 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval. This requires a Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Anna Johnsons stated this does not require a Town Meeting.

Amended Motion (5) Mr. Seery moved to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$49,619.82 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2014 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Mr. Wilson Seconded the Amended Motion.

Motion Passed 5-0.

e. Appropriation for the FY 2014/15 Equipment Acquisition Plan

Motion (6) Mr. Seery moved to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Vehicles and Equipment described above presented at this meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$300,079 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase various vehicles and equipment more particularly described in the Town's FY 2014/2015 Equipment Acquisition Plan, as evidenced by one or more agreements for the acquisition of said vehicles by lease or purchase or a combination thereof, for a total price of \$289,000 plus interest at the rate of 1.49% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$60,016 (\$5,002/month) over a period of five (5) years. The First Selectman is authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver any documents that may be required in connection with said transactions.

Forward to the Board of Finance for approval

This requires a Town Meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.

Ms. Hardy stated this seems like an excessive amount for a police patrol vehicle.

Anna Johnson stated in the past they have included the vehicle and the equipment in the acquisition plan. This year they had resources in the CNRE account and they purchased the equipment separately out of that account. These numbers are based on estimates. If they don't spend it the money will remain in the CNRE account.

Mr. Wilson stated they had a presentation on the new State Police radios. There is nothing we can do, they have to upgrade. This is a lot of money, but he doesn't think there is any other way to do it.

Ms. Hardy asked about the dump truck.

Mr. Bragaw stated it is part of a replacement project. They are getting a new truck, and each year they replace an old truck. The old one is going to the Water and Sewer Department.

Motion Passed 5-0.

f. Appropriation for the FY 2014/15 BOE Technology/Vehicle Acquisition

Motion (7) Mr. Seery moved to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Board of Education, the Board of Selectmen has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Equipment described above.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve an appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of \$304,060 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase or a combination thereof, various new computer and smart board equipment for the High School, Middle School, Niantic Center School, Lillie B. Haynes, Flanders School and the Central Office more particularly described in the East Lyme Public Schools Proposed Year One Computer Replacement Plan 2014/15 and one One Ton Dump Truck for the total amount of \$292,834 plus interest at the rate of 1.49% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$60,812 (\$5,068/month) over a period of five (5) years.

Forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

This requires a Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Brian Reas, Assistant Superintendent stated this is part of a 5 year plan to replace technology over 5 years. The dump truck is a replacement to one that already exists.

Don Meltaberger stated the dump truck is rusted out, and Mr. Holyfield has stated he cannot continue to fix it.

Mr. Bragaw stated it is approximately 20 years old.

Mr. Nickerson stated the Board of Education should get out of the Public Works business and let the town maintain the fields, parking lots and sidewalks. His wife sits on the Board of Education and this is not her opinion, but he cannot support the dump truck. He thinks the town has a multitude of equipment. He likes what they are doing with the technology, but not the dump truck.

Mr. Meltaberger stated they need this for snow removal.

Mr. Nickerson stated he thinks Public Works can do that.

Mr. Seery asked if Public Works has the resources to do the school lots.

Mr. Bragaw stated he would have to look into that. There are 116 miles of road they plow. This winter they were down three people.

Mr. Meltaberger stated they have 4 people on staff for plowing and they use Spencer Beers to help, they are also stretched very thin.

Ms. Cheeseman stated she agreed with Mr. Nickerson's statements.

Mr. Wilson stated this is not the time to figure that out. They can't deny them the truck, because the other one is dead.

Dr. Hagen of the Board of Education stated this subject is on the FFO Sub-committee agenda, the Board of Education is responding to this idea, and looking at that concept.

Motion Passed 3-1-1 (Ms. Hardy abstained, and Ms. Cheeseman voted no)

- g. Special Appropriation of \$189,000 CNRE for various projects consistent with Capital Improvement Plan**

Motion (8) Mr. Seery moved to appropriate the following projects in CNRE Fund 32 which are consistent with the 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan and forward to the Board of Finance for approval:

<u>CNRE-Municipal Projects</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town Projects (Roofs)	50,000
HVAC Replacement Town-wide	37,000
Town Projects - Various	50,000
<u>Revaluation</u>	<u>52,000</u>
TOTAL	189,000

2014/15

This requires a Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Anna Johnson stated this is an allocation for various projects that may come up.

Motion Passed 5-0.

****Mr. Formica entered the meeting at 8:27 p.m.**

- h. Special Appropriation - \$94,200 CNRE for Acquisition Program consistent with Capital Improvement Plan**

Motion (9) Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation from CNRE Fund 32 in the amount of \$94,200 to accounts to be established as follows: \$15,000 PWD – Stainless Sander 2.0 cyd, \$6,700 PWD – P/U Truck Equipment \$14,000 PWD – Snow Removal Equipment, \$53,500 PS – Police Patrol Vehicle Equipment and, \$5,000 P&R – Debris Blower Attachment which is consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

This requires a Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Motion Passed 5-0-1 (Mr. Formica abstained)

- i. Special Appropriation - \$183,247 for the FY 2014/15 BOE School Security Grant Project

Mr. Formica apologized for being late, and thanked the Board for carrying on.

Motion (10) Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$183,247 in CNRE Fund 32 for various district-wide School Security Improvements as awarded in the "2013 School Security Competitive Grant Program" and, send to the Board of Finance for approval. This project is consistent with the 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan and the source of funds is \$77,222 from the state grant and \$106,025 Learn Rent income.

This requires a Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Ms. Hardy stated she won't benefit from this and will vote on this item.

Motion Passed 6-0.

- j. Special Appropriation - \$9018.83 NSEP Funds – EL Communications Center to upgrade Fiber Network

Motion (11) Mr. Nickerson moved to approve a special appropriation of the NSEP Grant Funds in the amount of \$9,018.83 to budget account 4-01-70-725-224-006 (NSEP – Equipment) and revenue account 4-01-04-400-401 (Nuclear Safety Emer Prep (NSEP) Grants and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

Motion Passed 6-0.

- k. Bonding Resolutions - \$2,975,000 Various Capital Improvements

- 1. Roads \$900,000

Mr. Formica stated they are working on upgrading the town roads. There are new ways at different costs. Mr. Bragaw has put together a 5 year management plan.

Mr. Bragaw stated the roads are the most important thing the Public Works department takes care of. They have driven every road, and rated every road. He discussed the Pavement Management Plan (Exhibit B).

Motion (12) Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the following Resolution:

“RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS TOWN ROADS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$900,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

Motion Passed 6-0.

2. Parks and Rec \$100,000

Dave Putnam stated Bride Brook Park is almost 25 years old. There is no shelter there. They have proposed a picnic pavilion. There is also no covering on the dugouts. The basketball courts are cracking. The fencing between the Fire Department and the park needs to be replaced. The wooden barriers around the parking lot need to be replaced.

Motion (13) Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the following Resolution:

“RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO PERETZ PARK AT BRIDEBROOK AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

Motion Passed 6-0.

3. Roof \$230,000 incl. State Reimb.

Mr. Formica stated the State will reimburse 44% of this. Even if new schools are approved the Board of Education has stated that could be 3 to 5 years away.

Motion (14) Mr. Seery moved to approve the following Resolution:

“RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW ROOF AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CENTRAL OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$230,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE” a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.

Brian Reas stated that the Central Office is not being reviewed at this time for an upgrade. This is separate from that and these are needed repairs. It is a slate roof, it leaks, and this is a beautiful building and we should maintain it.

Ms. Hardy stated she is comfortable voting on this.

Motion Passed 6-0.

4. Network \$115,000

Mr. Reas stated currently the network is working, but it is being used more. The State has also increased their requirements on them.

Robin McKinney the Technology Director stated this is an upgrade to 10 gigabyte. Currently they are at 1 gigabyte. This is in response to a higher demand for bandwidth. The demands of state testing have increased.

Motion (15) Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the following Resolution:

“RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000 FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT-WIDE NETWORK UPGRADES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$115,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

Ms. Cheeseman asked if this is an upgrade to all of the schools, including the ones that may not exist in the near future.

Ms. McKinney stated they don't know how far off that may be.

Dr. Hagen stated they have done demographics studies and enrollment is going down.

Ms. McKinney stated 10 gigabyte is the new standard. This is just for the schools, not other town buildings.

Bill Scheer stated the State has opened the CEN network to the Town. They are working on a Nutmeg Grant Program and hope to have the Niantic Fire Department, Town Hall and Community Center on this soon.

Ms. Hardy asked if the State will reimburse money for this.

Ms. McKinney stated not at this time.

Motion Passed 5-0-1 (Ms. Hardy abstained)

5. Tennis Court \$715,000

Mr. Formica stated this is a complete upgrade.

Mr. Seery stated when he was on the Board of Education they heard every year how bad the courts were.

Mr. Formica stated the teams use them and members of the public. It is a school and community resource.

Motion (16) Mr. Seery moved to approve the following Resolution:

“RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$715,000 FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE TENNIS COURT FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$715,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Steve Hargis, the Athletic Director stated this was a community based committee, some of the posts have fallen in, some cracks are up to two inches wide. The lights at the courts are original with the school.

Motion Passed 6-0.

I. Discussion/Action Resolution on Refunding of General Obligation Bonds

Motion (17) Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the following Resolution:

“Resolution with respect to the authorization, issuance and sale of not exceeding \$6,000,000 Town of East Lyme General Obligation Refunding Bonds a copy of which is attached hereto.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

Motion Passed 6-0.

m. Sign Call – Special Town Meeting

The next Regular Board of Selectmen meeting is on graduation night. That meeting has been cancelled. The Special Town Meeting can be held on June 19th. If there is an emergency they can call a Special Meeting.

Motion (18) Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the following Call of the Special Town Meeting:

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting to be held, at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut at 7:00 P.M. (E.D.T.), on June 19, 2014 to consider and take action on the following:

- 1. To approve an appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of \$304,060 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase or a combination thereof, various new computer and smart board equipment for the High School, Middle School, Niantic Center School, Lillie B. Haynes, Flanders School and the Central Office more particularly described in the East Lyme Public Schools Proposed Year One Computer Replacement Plan 2014/15 and one One Ton Dump Truck for the total amount of \$292,834 plus interest at the rate of 1.49% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$60,812 (\$5,068/month) over a period of five (5) years.**
- 2. To approve an appropriation in the amount of \$300,079 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase various vehicles and equipment more particularly described in the Town's FY 2014/15 Equipment Acquisition Plan, as evidenced by one or more agreements for the acquisition of said vehicles by lease or purchase or a combination thereof, for a total price of \$289,000 plus interest at the rate of 1.49% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$60,016 (\$5,002/month) over a period of five (5) years. The First Selectman is authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver any documents that may be required in connection with said transactions.**
- 3. To approve an appropriation in the amount of \$189,000 to the Capital Nonrecurring Expense (CNRE) Fund 32 for various projects consistent with the Town's 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan. Said projects are more particularly set forth in a document on file and open to public inspection at the office the Town Clerk.**
- 4. To approve an appropriation in the amount of \$94,200 CNRE fund 32 for various equipment in coordination with the Acquisition Program consistent with Town's 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan. Said projects are more particularly set forth in a document on file and open to public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk.**

5. To approve an appropriation in the amount of \$183,247 from the Capital Nonrecurring Expense (CNRE) Fund 32 for the "2013 School Security Grant Program" consistent with the Town's 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan. Said Projects on file and open to public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk.

6. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$900,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

7. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$900,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

8. Parks and Recreation

To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$100,000 For The Planning, Design And Construction Of Various Capital Improvements To Peretz Park At Bridebrook And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$100,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

9. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$100,000 For The Planning, Design And Construction Of Various Capital Improvements To Peretz Park At Bridebrook And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$100,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

10. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$230,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Replacement And Installation Of A New Roof At The Board Of Education Central Office And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$230,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

11. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$230,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Replacement And Installation Of A New Roof At The Board Of Education Central Office And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$230,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

12. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$115,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction And Installation Of District-Wide Network Upgrades And

Authorizing The Issuance Of \$115,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

13. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled “Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$115,000 For Planning, Design, Construction And Installation Of District-Wide Network Upgrades And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$115,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

14. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled “Resolution Making an appropriation In The Amount Of \$715,000 For The Planning, Design, Rehabilitation And Improvement Of The Tennis Court Facility And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$715,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

15. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled “Resolution Making an appropriation In The Amount Of \$715,000 For The Planning, Design, Rehabilitation And Improvement Of The Tennis Court Facility And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$715,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

16. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Copies of the proposed bond resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, this 4th day of June, 2014.

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Seconded by Mr. Seery.

Motion Passed 6-0.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Continued Discussion – Business Entity Listing

This will be on the next Agenda.

4. Communications

There were no Communications.

5 Information and Reports

a. Ex-Officio

There were no Ex-Officio reports.

b. First Selectman's Report

The First Selectman did not have a report.

6 Public Comment

Ron Rando stated they spent a lot of money tonight. The new school roof is a waste of taxpayer money. The tennis court was built on a swamp. If they are spending that much money on it they should move it, it needs drainage. Dirt washed out again from the solar farm into the brook and river. Dodge Pond still hasn't been cleaned up. He had a street sweeper behind his shop and the town made him clean it up and plant grass. Someone needs to be held accountable. If the Grand List increased they wouldn't have to borrow so much money. How often is the Board of Education going to use that dump truck. They should look into a used truck. He doesn't think the Board of Education should be plowing.

7 Selectmen's Response

Mr. Seery stated there is an Inland Wetlands Meeting on Monday that Mr. Rando may want to attend. They will be addressing the Solar Farm.

Mr. Formica stated it is the Siting Council's site plan. They should be addressing this. Inland Wetlands has a Cease and Correct order in place. There was a report done on Dodge Pond and they were told there is nothing left to do there.

Motion (19) Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson.

Motion Passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Karen Miller Galbo
Record Secretary Pro-Tem**

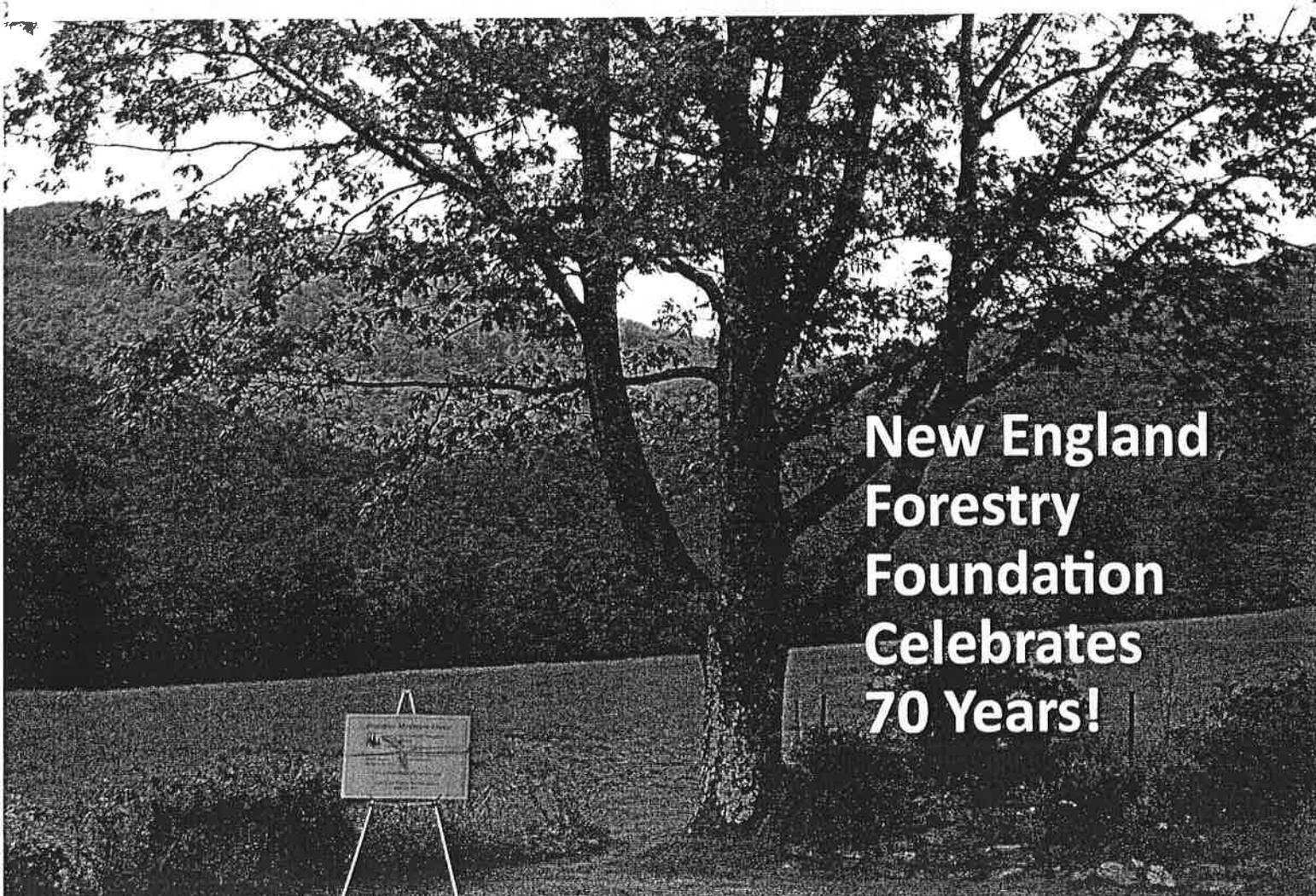


Exhibit A

NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION

Conserving Forests *for* Future Generations

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**New England
Forestry
Foundation
Celebrates
70 Years!**

The View *from* Wilderness Hill:

History and Prospect of Conserving and Sustaining New England



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Wilderness Hill sits at the center of New England Forestry Foundation's Prouty Woods headquarters. It offers hikers a nearly 40-mile view to Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. Aside from two church spires, one sees only forests. That vista provides a metaphor for both the past success of and future need for New England Forestry Foundation. Because, while Prouty Woods is conserved — along with nearly 150 other community forests — it sits on the edge of metro Boston, and the forested view is at risk still.

This year marks New England Forestry Foundation's 70th year working to protect forests and manage them well. We have accomplished a great deal. Today there are 8.6 million acres of conserved forest land in New England, and NEFF is responsible for more than 1 million of them. But there is much more to be done. If the view from Wilderness Hill is to remain forested, and the people of the region are to retain forests' many benefits — clean air and water; recreational opportunities; sustainable local wood products; and the myriad wildlife that depend on forests — then analysis from Harvard Forest argues that we need nearly four times today's amount of conserved forest land.

So we are pleased to announce our 70th birthday, and to celebrate the legacy of NEFF's founder, Harris A. Reynolds. And we're driven to achieve his vision — to ensure the forests of New England are conserved and properly managed, so they can continue to flourish for future generations. New England Forestry has always kept this vision alive, conserving and sustaining the forests of New England.

In these pages, you can read of NEFF's history, along with *Voices of the Forest*, quoting friends from the region who influence the forested landscape in diverse ways. We also include *Glimpses of the Future*, outlining our current efforts and activities, with links to resources on the web for more details. Lastly, our recent conservation success stories document nearly 3,500 additional acres conserved at the close of 2013. We hope you enjoy this 70th anniversary issue.

NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION

Celebrates *70 years!*

Forests define New England. For many Americans, mentioning the region brings up memories of green hills and brilliant fall foliage. Before European colonization, it is said that a squirrel could go from the Atlantic to the Mississippi and never touch the ground. But in the 1800s and the early 1900s, the region's forests were in rough shape. Poor logging techniques caused erosion and loss of topsoil. Straightening of streams to facilitate log drives and pollution from paper mills destroyed fisheries.

Harris A. Reynolds saw that professional, sustainable forest management could deliver the benefits of a healthy forest and contribute to the region's economy. To advance forest conservation and management, he and fellow visionaries, such as William P. Wharton and Farnham W. Smith, founded New England Forestry Foundation in 1944. This year we celebrate our 70th year of working to fulfill that vision, and to help keep New England well-forested.

In addition to his leadership at New England Forestry Foundation, Reynolds served as Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Forest and Parks Association and was a key player in the permanent protection of the White Mountains in New Hampshire, the Green Mountains of Vermont, and the creation of many town-owned forests in Massachusetts. Today, all of these forests provide respite from the pressures of our daily lives, drawing millions of visitors each year to enjoy their natural beauty and the wildlife they support.

For 70 years now, New England Forestry Foundation has followed the principals espoused by Reynolds. Today NEFF holds easements on more than one million acres of New England woods — more than any other organization. In the last fifteen years, fully one in every three acres of land conserved in the region has been conserved by NEFF. Our easements cover an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. New England Forestry Foundation holds the largest conservation easement in the United States, the Pingree Forest with 762,192 acres in Maine.

New England Forestry Foundation also owns nearly 150 community forests, all of which are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the American Tree Farm System for the highest environmental and ecological standards. Our most recent milestone is the organization's largest land gift — Braintree Mountain Forest in Braintree, Vermont with 1,547 acres in conservation — from Paul Kendall and Sharon Rives of the Todhah Hill Foundation.

It's not enough, however. Forest cover is declining in every New England state. Sprawl is eating up the landscape, and not just near Boston. The US Forest Service reports that Maine lost more than 35,000 acres of forest cover between 2006 and 2011, nearly exclusively to sprawl and development.



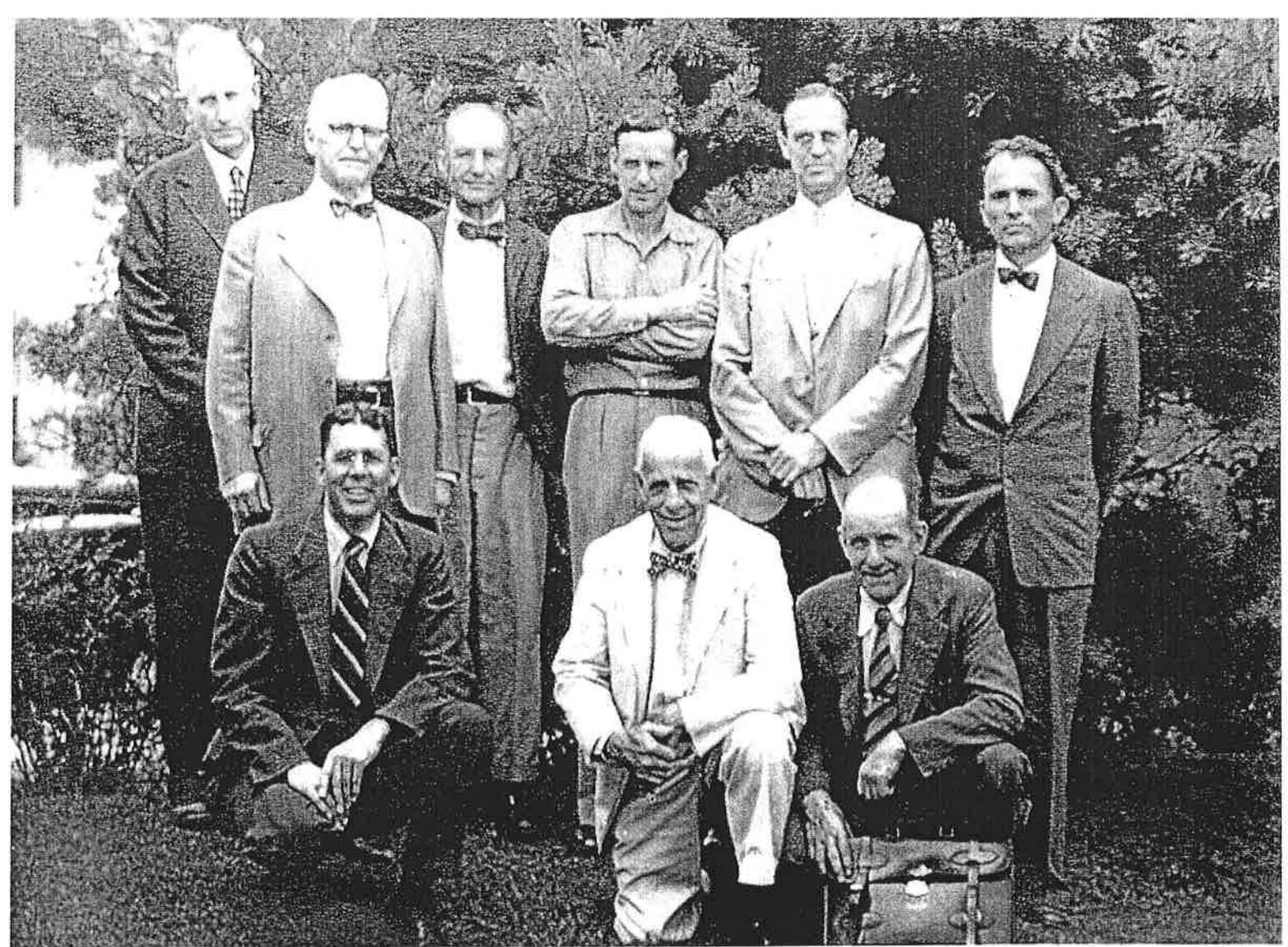
1944

New England Forestry Foundation is founded by Harris A. Reynolds



1945

Lincoln Davis Memorial Forest in Sharon, New Hampshire becomes organization's first Foundation Forest



Harris A. Reynolds (lower right) with original founders of New England Forestry Foundation at a Directors Meeting in 1945.

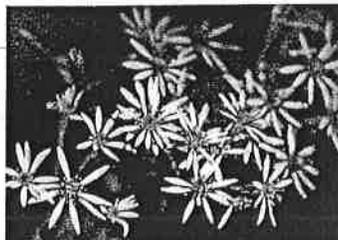
New England Forestry Foundation has responded with its Heart of New England campaign to ensure the permanent conservation of 30 million acres by 2060, or 21.4 million more acres beyond current conservation lands. This campaign supports and implements the vision articulated through Harvard Forest's Wildlands and Woodlands campaign. Through this initiative, we are partnering with land trusts, connecting with landowners, and offering tools to foresters to maximize our collective results in reaching this goal. You can get more information here: <http://www.newenglandforestry.org/our-initiatives/heart-of-new-england>.

In addition, New England Forestry Foundation soon will release a Forestry Futures report, providing trendsetting information regarding the benefits, opportunities, and potential of forests and forest resources. New England's forests have so much to offer . . . from carbon storage to offset climate change . . . to critical habitat and biodiversity . . . to local renewable energy, green building materials . . . and more. Forests are the ultimate, all-natural resource of the 21st century. And New England Forestry Foundation is committed to ensuring that forests are here for the region as well, as Harris A. Reynolds and his compatriots intended.



1958

NEFF conserves its 10th forest, Nelson Memorial Forest, in Marshfield, Massachusetts

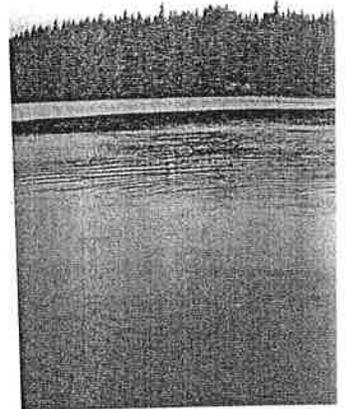


1973

NEFF conserves its 25th forest, Wells Memorial Forest, in Shelburne, Massachusetts

Voices of the Forest

SUPPORTERS OF NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY THROUGH THE YEARS



New England Forestry Foundation's successes during the last 70 years depended on a remarkable range of people from across the region. We turned to a cross section of these forest conservation leaders for their take on forests and NEFF.

Bayard Henry, Conservationist Extraordinaire

Bayard Henry is a long-time supporter, board member, past president and — most notably — conservation leader for New England Forestry Foundation. He captained the New England Forestry Foundation's voyage to conserve 762,192 acres through the Pingree Forest Partnership in Maine.

Why are forests important to you?

Well, because they are important to the planet, among other things. That's the "maxi" answer,

but the "mini" answer is that it's nice to walk in the woods.

What accomplishment, while you were on the Board at NEFF, are you most proud of?

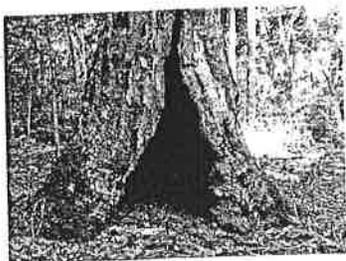
The Pingree Forest Partnership. I was sitting on a porch down in south Dartmouth and my friend, Bill King, with whom I went to grade school, who was then the President of the Foundation, came down and said, "We've got to go raise this money. And there's no one dumb enough but you to do the job . . ."

No, he didn't say that. He said, "You're the only guy who can do it." At that point, I was really having a pretty easy life. I was just learning — almost cresting — on how to play the cello. And I had to give it up because it was an 18-month, 7-day-a-week job. Weekends, everything. But it was a remarkable opportunity.

Why do we need forestry and forest conservation?
Once it goes into cement, it never comes out. You put a parking lot there and it doesn't go back to trees.

Bill and Mary Hull, Forest Landowners and Co-Owners, Hull Forest Products

Forest conservation and sustainable forest management have been central to the Hull family for nearly 50 years. Mary's father, William Boston Hull, founded Hull Forest Products as a teenager in the 1960s in a Rhode Island backyard. Over the years, the company relocated to Pomfret, Connecticut and has grown to employ 65 associates, providing over 10 million board feet annually for use around the globe. Mary, her father, and her three brothers are co-owners of the multi-generational enterprise. In 2013, New England Forestry Foundation expanded



1981

NEFF conserves its 50th forest, Dorothy T. Foss Woodlot, in Greenfield, New Hampshire



1988

NEFF conserves its 75th forest, Warren W. Smith Forest, in Heath, Massachusetts

Images from left to right:
Bayard Henry, Mary Hull,
John McClain, Garry Hinkley,
and Megan O'Keefe.



our conservation partnership with Hull Forest Products by acquiring conservation easements on 728 additional acres.

When do you first recall becoming interested in forests?

Mary: Growing up in the wood business you spend your childhood in the woods, following my dad cruising woodlots on weekends. What I remember as a very young child are these long walks in the woods, where you can't keep up with Dad because he's walking so fast and it seems like you're never going to stop.

We all worked at Hull forest products, too. Wood clothed us and fed us and put us kids through college. So I have a great appreciation of working forests because my whole family is supported by them. And because forests provide so many benefits: not just sustainable

forest products but air and water quality enhancement, carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, biodiversity. It just goes on and on.

Why are forests important to you?

Mary: When you're working with wood, you're not only providing a sustainable building material, but you are also protecting this incredibly rich ecosystem that provides so many ecological services, that are not adequately accounted for in the marketplace I might add. And so what you do really matters because you're keeping these forests intact. So many people don't understand the resource that we have here, and to my mind the best way to protect that resource is to use it sustainably. If we can create demand for local wood, we can ultimately help landowners keep their land in forest.

We need to educate the public with clear and consistent messages about our forest resources: if you're going to buy wood, you want to buy it here where it's sustainable — we're actually helping to protect your own view. When you buy local wood, you're actually paying your neighbor for keeping their land in forest and that's a situation that benefits us all. The arguments for eating local food apply equally well to local wood. It's not the foodshed; it's the woodshed. If people can't sell wood, they'll sell their real estate and we'll see a conversion of woodlands to residential development.

How did you first become involved with NEFF?

Bill: In 1998 I worked a deal to buy 7,000 acres from the heirs of the Peck Lumber Company. That's when I went to NEFF and said, "I've got an option to buy all these properties, but I don't have the three and a half million dollars."



1996

NEFF conserves its 100th forest, William J.J. Gordon Forest, in Lisbon, New Hampshire



2001

NEFF conserves the Pingree Forest with 762,192 acres, creating the largest easement in the United States

*“Once it goes into cement, it never comes out.
You put a parking lot there and it doesn’t go back to trees.”*

— BAYARD HENRY

In the year 2000 we closed, with 23 lawyers in the room. Almost all of it ended up under easement [some to NEFF, most to the state of Massachusetts].

What do you like best about NEFF?

Bill: The thing I like best about NEFF is that NEFF has a very explicit understanding that the land exists to be used. They conduct forest management on their own lands and they promote sustainable forestry on the lands of others. In our urban society today, too many people think the only way to protect land is to put a fence around it.

John McClain—Forester

New England Forestry Consultants

John McClain is a forester — a keeper of the forests, in that he keeps the forests healthy and thriving with his forest management expertise. New England Forestry Foundation has a long tradition of working with foresters like John, following in the footsteps of Harris A. Reynolds’s mission. For many years John and other NEFFCo foresters were actually a branch of New England Forestry Foundation; they organized independently in 1994 and continue to provide forest expertise to NEFF and other forest landowners.

Tell us your best forest story.

A number of years ago, I was asked to do a timber appraisal on a 400-acre tract for some potential buyers. It encompassed a ridgetop. I had a helper, radios, and a plan whereby I would do the far end of the lot and flag the lines. We were to meet at the southwest corner of the lot at 3pm.

It was January and the snow was deep and fluffy. As time was getting short to make it to the corner, I tried to find a spot to get up over the ledge. Finally I found a chimney in the rock. A large red maple had fallen over it but there was a way to paddle under it and climb the fissure. I made a hole in the snow just about

big enough to crawl under. I soon realized that this would not work, as there was a huge black paw of a hibernating bear in front of me!

When and how did you become involved with New England Forestry Foundation?

Twenty or so years ago, I was recruited by a former UMASS classmate to oversee a single timber sale which led to me being hired full time. It has been a great alliance.

Why are forest conservation and forestry important to you?

Forests are so much more than trees. The products they yield are so important to us. The benefits of long-term forestry are enormous. Forest products, clean air and water, aesthetics, and recreation are things that need to be recognized by the public as being supplied by the forest.

Garry Hinkley, Forest Steward, Allen-Whitney Memorial Forest

New England Forestry Foundation cares for our nearly 150 community forests with the help of approximately 80 volunteer forest stewards. Garry Hinkley and his wife, Lynne Cayting, are a dynamic duo who steward New England Forestry Foundation’s Allen-Whitney Memorial Forest with over 700 acres in Manchester, Maine. They are literal and figurative trailblazers, spearheading work with the Manchester Conservation Commission to improve the trails within the forest.

The Allen-Whitney Memorial Forest is particularly special to the organization because of the climate-change research on this property. Working in conjunction with the Manomet Center for Conservation Science, the study will provide information regarding the impact of global warming on forests.

When do you first remember becoming interested in forests?

I think I’ve always been interested in forests

as far back as I can remember. Growing up on a small family farm in Turner, Maine, the woodlots were an important part of our lives, from cutting fire wood and saw logs, to harvesting Christmas trees sold from the front lawn. In college, I worked three summers in Baxter State Park, which solidified my interest.

When and how did you become involved with New England Forestry Foundation?

I had recreated in the Allen-Whitney Forest for several years. I knew one of the other stewards from the Manchester Conservation Commission. When Lynne and I moved to our current home adjacent to the A-W, becoming a steward was logical and easy.

Why are forests important to you?

Forests are important for many reasons. For me, forests provide a place to recreate and recharge my batteries. A place for peace and quiet. Forests protect our water and air quality, provide wildlife habitat, and help to mitigate climate change. Forests also provide economic opportunities. Forests provide a community good for our town that residents can use.

Megan O’Keefe—Former Intern, New England Forestry Foundation

Each summer, New England Forestry Foundation hosts several ambitious interns who are keen on making a world of difference on behalf of the environment. In 2012, Megan O’Keefe assisted NEFF with forest inventories throughout New England. A graduate of Green Mountain College with a B.S. in Natural Resources Management, she recently completed an Americorps program in California, working for the U.S. Forest Service.

When do you first remember becoming interested in forests?

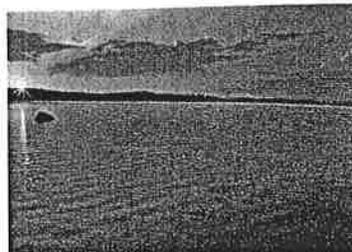
As a kid, my family and I would take a camping trip every year in the Adirondacks. I loved being able to wander through the woods there.

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2003

New England Forestry creates the Prouty Woods campus headquarters with 107 forested acres and trails



2005

Sunrise Tree Farm and Farm Community Forest are conserve with 342,000 acres—NEFF has now conserved over 1,000,000 acres throughout New England

Glimpses of the Future

“When we try to pick out anything by itself,
we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.”

Tell us your best forest story.

Last summer, as an Americorps intern with the Forest Service in northern California, I was working in an inventory crew. We were in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park for about a week, and had some down time. We visited one of the redwood stands where some of the Ewok footage from *Star Wars* was shot. The hike was incredible . . . the gigantic redwoods are so awesome!

Why are forests important to you?

Forest ecosystems provide a range of benefits from recreation to spiritual to forest products. To me, all of these things are important, but the thing I enjoy most is the variety of species that can coexist in an area, and how varying conditions completely change the species living in an area. So I would say forests are most important to me because I am a plant nerd.

Why are forest conservation and forestry such important causes for you?

Forest conservation and sustainable forestry are important because with the rates of population growth and needs for forest products, we are not able to sustain our forests through traditional forestry practices. Old practices such as high-grading have severely diminished the value of some of our forests in the northeast. By incorporating sustainable management practices and silviculture, we are able to have a sustained yield over time while keeping the integrity of the forest ecosystem intact.

What would you say to others in your generation?

You are going to be the forest stewards of the future. It's not just about forest products. Forests have so much intrinsic value — benefits that are not tangible such as spiritual and recreational qualities. We must foster an appreciation for the environment in the age of climate change. It's our responsibility to foster awareness of forest issues and ecosystems for future generations.

John Muir published these words more than 100 years ago. Today at New England Forestry Foundation we find them increasingly true, as we incorporate regional, national, and global connections into our work. Some of our current projects include:

- **Four Scenarios for the Future.** In December, Harvard Forest and the Smithsonian Institution released an analysis of four potential futures for Massachusetts's forests. NEFF co-lead development of the scenario with the greatest benefits, which called for expanded conservation and improved forest management to meet more of our wood needs locally. <http://bit.ly/1gRrQOD>
- **Is Conservation a Valid Charitable Purpose?** NEFF is at the center of a landmark Massachusetts case as to whether conserving land is a valid charitable purpose, and whether only recreation or all the benefits of conserved land (e.g. clean air, clean water, sustainable forest products) should be considered by tax assessors. <http://bit.ly/1daUjT6>
- **Money for Carbon.** Conserving forests is key to stabilizing climate. So California's new carbon laws are funding forest conservation here in New England, with the first sale of carbon credits on land owned by the Downeast Lakes Land Trust that NEFF helped to protect. NEFF itself is on the verge of our first sale of carbon credits for our Hersey Mountain forest. <http://bit.ly/1f9ObkD>
- **Forestry Futures.** In June, New England Forestry Foundation will release our report on the potential for New England's forests to provide a wide range of benefits to the region. More on this in our next issue!
- **Check out our new blog.** In February, New England Forestry Foundation launched our blog. Our *Into the Woods* blog offers lively posts on a variety of topics—for example, new research on how tree roots help to stabilize climate, and the implications of our snowy winter for rodents, wildflowers, and Lyme disease. You can find these and other posts at www.newenglandforestry.org/blog. While you're there, consider signing up for our email news so that you can keep up to date on all that's happening with NEFF.

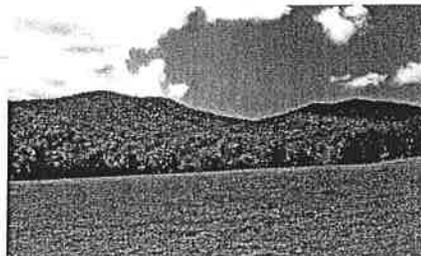
2007

NEFF conserves its 125th forest, Page Family Forest, in Oxford, Maine



2013

NEFF receives largest land gift in history of organization, Braintree Mountain Forest with 1,547 acres in Braintree, Vermont



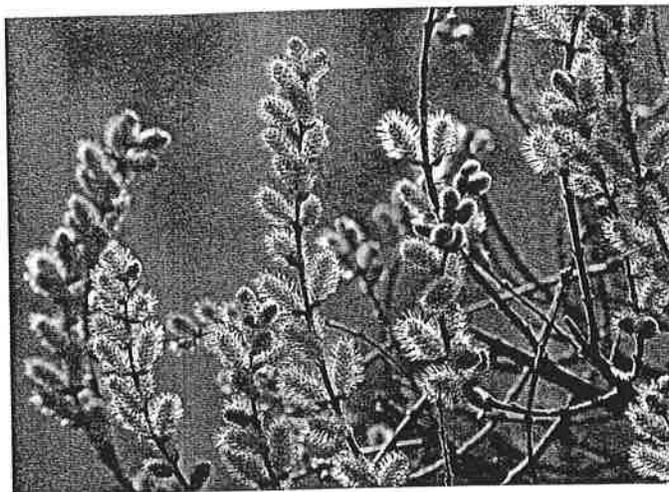
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We have borrowed it from our children and we must be careful to use it
in their interests as well as our own.”

— MOSES HENRY CASS,
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