

Foresters Board  
Public Minutes  
June 18 at 1:00 p.m.  
121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Board of Foresters was held on June 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Brad Simpkins at 1:05 p.m. Also in attendance were: Steven Roberge, Ann Davis and Richard Roy. Not present were Colleen O'Neil and Jake Bronnenberg. Attending from the OPLC was Chris Horne.

**1. Welcome to New Board Member-** welcome to new Board Member Richard Roy and introductions all around.

**2. Board Elections for a Chairperson-** Board will have elections for a new chair, vice-chair and secretary when there is a full Board present. Prior to that meeting staff will send out a description of what each position is responsible for.

**3 Reading and Approval of March 19, 2019 Minutes-** B. Simpkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting. S. Roberge seconded. All in favor motion passes.

**4.Communications- General-**

a. Society of American Foresters, Certified Forester Program- Board discussed the conversation from the meeting in March with Tom Hahn and Andrew Howard regarding changing Forester rules to give more weight to a SAF candidate for forester licensure in NH. It is not reciprocal for a NH forester to be an SAF forester. NH has a process for licensure and will take these recommendations under advisement. The current rules do not expire until 2024.

1. Continuing Education webinar violation- noted

2. Continuing Education and Tracking Processes- if staff receives a question from a licensee about SAF courses refer them to the rules breakdown of continuing education requirements.

**5. Communications –Board Action-**

a. Recommendations on new Board member- Board will try to reach out to people they know who may be interested.

b. Jeff Haley-review of experience and transcripts- In reviewing his information the Board feels he may be close. Refer him to the breakdown of the core areas that he will need to work on gaining the required experience in.

**6.Applications-**

a. Appl. #19-02 Jordan Weaknecht- approved for licensure License #500

b. Appl. #19-03 Daniel Thompson- approval pending a positive reference

c Appl. #19-04 Robert Hardy- approval pending a positive reference

d. Newly licensed-  
Hunterr Payeur- License # 499- noted

### **7.Unfinished Business-**

a. Upon the motion of Brad Simpkins and the seconded by Richard Roy, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 2:40 p.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H.574(1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

b. Upon return to public session at 3:15 p.m. Steven Roberge made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, Richard Roy seconded, all in favor by roll call vote, motion passes.

**8. Adjournment-** S. Roberge made a motion to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. A. Davis seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.