

Foresters Board
Public Minutes
February 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Board of Foresters was held on February 27, 2020. The meeting was called to order by S. Roberge at 1:05 PM. Also in attendance were: B. Simpkins, J. Bronnenberg, A. Davis, C. O'Neill and R. Roy. Attending from OPLC Chris Horne.

1. Reading and Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes- C. O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting. A. Davis seconded, All in favor and motion passes.

2.Communications- General-

- a. Administrative Law Training-April 24th –Invitations will be sent out to all Board members within the next few weeks. Training is highly encouraged. This year's training will have a breakout session for Board members and Board administrators.

3 Communications –Board Action-

- a. FTP site passwords and instructions- Board members have been able to access. Staff will now be able to upload information prior to the meetings. Staff will clean out all the old information that is still on the site.
- b. Public Member Position Still Vacant- noted

4.Applications-

- a. Appl. 20-08 Nicholas B. Lanzer-based on the rules and his education he is still short by approximately 2 years of the required experience. Staff will send a letter letting him know what he needs and to let him know his references were all positive.

This applicant has taken a different path to become a forester and his schooling isn't what the rules require. The Board would like to take a look at the rules for changes and additions. Staff will look at past minutes to see what other changes the Board has mentioned in the past. An addition to the rules would be a rules waiver that many other Boards have. This will be a discussion for the next meeting.

- b..Appl.. 20-03 Steven Hawkes- asking an applicant to take the exam is a pretty standard request. Staff will request he send in information to show his experience with NH laws.

Staff is going to have the forester's exam sent to the Board for review at the next meeting. S. Roberge will also get the curriculum for the timber harvesting law course. Board would like to review both to see if taking the above mentioned course is sufficient.

New Licensed -noted

- a. Patrick Smerczyaski License #507
- b. James Ferrante License #506
- c. Maria E. Urban License # 505

B. Simpkins leaves at 2:05 p.m.

5.Unfinished Business-

- a. Upon the motion of R. Roy and the second of C. O'Neill the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 2:10 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 2:55 p.m. R. Roy made a motion to seal the minutes. C. O'Neill seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.
- c. Next meeting will be March 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment- Richard Roy made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. O'Neill seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.