

1 Current Use Board
2 Forestry Subcommittee Meeting

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6 **DATE:** July 27, 2023

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

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8 **LOCATION:** Department of Revenue - Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord NH

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10 **SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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12 Rick Evans, NHDRA Commissioner Designee, NH DRA
13 Larissa Robinov, Commissioner Designee, NH DNCR, Division of Forests and Lands
14 Susan Bryant-Kimball, Forest Landowner
15 Tom Thomson, Public Member
16 Jasen Stock, NHTOA

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18 **MEMBERS of the PUBLIC:**

19 Jonathan Rice Norm Bernaiche
20 Senator Ruth Ward Representative Josh Yokela
21 Chuck Souther

22 Mr. Evans convened the meeting of the Forestry Subcommittee at 12:01 p.m.

23 Mr. Stock *motioned to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2022, Forestry subcommittee*
24 *meeting, as written*; Ms. Bryant-Kimball *seconded the motion*. No discussion. Mr. Evans called
25 the motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022, meeting, as written.. *Motion passed*
26 *unanimously*.

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28 Mr. Evans introduced Larissa Robinov, the DNCR representative on the Board.

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30 The following proposed rates were read into the record.

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Forest Land		Forest Land w/Documented Stewardship	
White Pine	\$122 - \$184	White Pine	\$74 - \$110
Hardwood	\$67 - \$101	Hardwood	\$40 - 60
All Other	\$39 - \$59	All Other	\$24 - \$36

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33 Mr. Evans explained the FIA data showed the white pine acreage in the State decreased slightly,
34 and the hardwood acreage increased slightly, and the acreage classified as other decreased
35 slightly. White pine growth rate decreased, hardwood growth rate increased, and other growth
36 rate decreased, and the total discount rate used increased. The handout illustrates the percentage
37 changes for each of the categories.

39 Ms. Bryant-Kimball asked for the report that showed the ten or 12-year comparison to give an
40 overall understanding of the rolling average and movement of the ranges. Mr. Evans will look
41 into finding the report and distributing it.

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43 Mr. Stock referenced the increase in the hardwood / sugar maple sawlogs and stated what they
44 are hearing and seeing is hardwoods in general are down. He inquired whether that was an
45 annual figure or the 5-year average. Mr. Evans explained that is the 5-year rolling average. Mr.
46 Thomson requested that be added to the report for clarification.

47 Mr. Stock asked if the FIA price data is compromised using quarterly or annual data; are 20 point
48 used for the 5-year average or 5 points? Ms. Robinov confirmed there are two data points per
49 year used in the formula. Mr. Evans clarified, those data points represent the spring and fall
50 stumpage values with the last set of data being the October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023
51 stumpage values.

52 Mr. Stock stated the numbers make sense in terms of what they see in the market place and
53 ***motioned that the subcommittee recommend the proposed 2024-2025 assessment ranges, as***
54 ***presented, to the full Board***; Mr. Thomson ***seconded the motion***. No further discussion. Mr.
55 Evans called them motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

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57 Mr. Stock ***motioned to adjourn***; Mr. Thomson ***seconded the motion***. Mr. Evans called the
58 motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

59 Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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61 Respectfully Submitted, Stephanie Martel
62 NH Department of Revenue Administration – Municipal and Property Division

63 Documentation relative to the Current Use Board may be submitted, requested or reviewed by:

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