

NH Prescribed Fire Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016, 0900-1200
Gilman Museum, Alton, NH

Attendees: Tom Natale, Sabrina Stanwood, John Neely, Andy Fast , Jim Oehler, Steve Najjar, Zack Boyajian, Steve Sherman, Bryan Nowell, Molly Cambell, Meredith Lund, Arin Mills, Jeff Lougee, Dave Walker, Sean Drake, Jen Little.

Minutes: The minutes from last meeting were approved

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Baseline Rx acres project- Andy Fast provided update on Bens Work. Council members should submit Rx information, a Granit data layer may be created for burn units. Currently collecting town burn permit info, the council discussed Rx reporting roll-up. Discussed possibly giving fire departments Rx prescriptions for training burns.
2. NH Division of Forest and Lands: Steve Sherman the new Chief of Forest Protection was introduced to the council. Spoke about funding for the Cohesive Strategy. John Neely mentioned develop funding for Rx fire using cohesive strategy. Discussed other funding including the NRCS. Dave Walker suggested asking Joel Carlson speak with NRCS during the off season. Jeff indicated Ossipee Pine Barrens works has been funded by NRCS. Andy brought up training and discussed the possibility of working with Thompson School to have students get the full S130/190.
3. Funding Opportunities: Brad Simpkins is on committee for NCS, looking for on the ground projects. Discusses burning for oak and funding for restoring pine barrens.
4. Qualification Management: Jen Little, NHDFL and Molly Cambell, USFS were present to discuss dispatch and qualification management. Jen mentioned that NHDFL IQS database was wiped out.
5. Planned Burns:

TNC-80 acres grass in Kennebunk Maine, Two mowed scrub oak in NH, pine barrens in Maine
USFS-Planning burns in fall
Guilford-10 acres oak, rocky hill
NHANG-Pembroke three units, one mowed scrub oak unit in Concord
USFWS-Great bay NWR, 1-2 understory units and 1-2 grass units.
NHDFL-Seavey Island, Pine River and Blue Job
6. Next meeting: The next meeting will be Dec 7th 0900 at the Forest Headquarters in Campton, NH