

My name is Colin Low, I am a scout from BSA Troop 23 of Richmond. I have been working with the Andrews Forest Committee to plan my Eagle Scout project in the Andrews Community Forest. I am emailing you today to secure funding for my project from the ACF account. As I understand it, for this to happen, the selectboard must approve this expenditure.

The goal of the project is to place two hemlock picnic tables and one hemlock bench in the forest. The tables will be placed in a clearing not far from the parking lot to serve as a picnic area. The bench will be placed at one of the highest points in the forest to serve as a place for people to take in the view and catch their breath.

Over the past month or so I have worked alongside the Andrews Forest Committee to tailor the project to the town's needs. After taking into account some design parameters presented to me by the ACF committee I submitted a design and three possible material types to the committee. During a quick Thursday night meeting I presented the different options to the committee, they ultimately chose hemlock. Which I believe is a great material to use for this project as it is both naturally rot resistant and cost effective when compared to other materials. After choosing the materials for the project, the committee voted to allow me to use up to \$500 from the ACF Fund to pay for the materials for the project.

I am asking that the selectboard vote to approve the expenditure of up to 500 dollars from the ACF Fund to pay for this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at colin.low@mmuusd.org. Otherwise, I plan to virtually attend the selectboard meeting on March 8th.

Thanks,
Colin

Andrews Community Forest

Special Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 7pm

Present: Caitlin Littlefield, Tyler Merritt, Jim Monahan, Nick Neverisky, Amy Powers, Wright Preston (chair)

Public: Colin Low (Boy Scout) and Clint Buxton (Boy Scout Leader)

Appointed minute taker: WP

Amendments to the agenda: none

Public comment:

None.

Colin presented a detailed design, location and cost overview of the wooden bench and picnic table project that he proposing to build as his Eagle Scout project. The completed two picnic tables and a bench will be placed at the Andrews Community Forest. This will include the ACF committee and Colin completing a Conservation Reserve Fund application to the Conservation Commission and then to the Selectboard. It will also include the completion of the zoning application (which may need a survey component).

The ACF committee decided on move forward with the hemlock construction option at Colin's estimated cost of \$397.45. The committee felt that it would be appropriate seek Selectboard approval for up to \$500.00, should there be cost overruns on the project.

The committee voted unanimously to support Colin's project with the hemlock option and a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted, W. Preston

Adjourned

7:35PM