
ACF Draft Management Plan Complete

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MP2 Intro Letter.pdf; Management Plan FAQs.pdf; DRAFT MP2 5-7-2026.pdf; DRAFT MP2 5-7-2026.docx; MP2 Approval Flowchart Final.pdf;

Hi Josh (and BCC'ed Selectboard members),

The Andrews Community Forest Committee is pleased to announce that we have finally completed the draft Management Plan version 2 (AKA MP2), which you'll find attached, along with a letter and a Q and A document regarding the plan. I will also be sending these same documents to the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee this evening.

It is our hope that over the next 10 or so weeks, you and the other committees will have a chance to review and provide feedback on the plan. We will continue to polish and make minor adjustments to the doc (mostly grammar and formatting) while we await feedback. We will then collect the feedback and do our best to integrate suggestions into the plan before passing it back to you and VLT for approval.

You'll find a flowchart attached (it's a much simpler version of one I shared with you last fall) with our proposed process to get from where we are now to final approval of the plan. Seeing as we are simply an advisory body, I would like to get some time at an upcoming Selectboard meeting to discuss the process further to ensure we're aligned.

The main area we could use your guidance is regarding public feedback. Would you prefer we hold another full public feedback event (like the one that was held in March 2023)? If so, I would like to advocate it to be a "special Selectboard meeting" that is run by you all, where all of ACFC is in attendance to present the plan and answer questions. The management plan has been majorly overhauled and it has been some time since the last public feedback meeting, so it is probably warranted. We also don't want to end up in an endless feedback loop where we take public feedback, make changes, then solicit more feedback, then make more changes etc. So any thoughts on that process would be helpful.

I would like to thank you for your patience regarding the amount of time it has taken for us to produce the plan. We're proud of the resulting document and hope that both you and the town are pleased with it too. Looking forward to getting your feedback!

Respectfully,

Sam
ACFC Co-Chair