

Several type-written notes around this time are contained with the FB archives. They appear to be written by David Matthews, who states in his 17 Mar 2014 letter to the SB that he his researching the 3 components of the forest.

Seems to be a clear indication both the FB and the current (2014) SB are aware that the 1980 SB attempted to override the terms and conditions of the Lange/LWCF Grant

William H. Lange Memorial Forest

16 April 2014

Page 6 of the grant application calls for the Board of Trustees to manage the funds generated by the forest. "Accumulation of the funds will be managed under the supervision of the Board of Trustees." The current select board feels that the trustees must get approval from the select board before committing any of the funds.

(attach copy of application) ✓

Page 6, item No. 7 The trustees will be "...elected by the town."

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March 17, 1980 (post purchase) the select board created a (second) set of guidelines. Does this supersede the conditions put forth on the grant application? Does "...elected by the town." Mean "...appointed by the select(board)men..." or the voters?

(attach copy of March 17, 1980-this was also in the town report) ✓

TOWN OFFICES
FAIRLEE, VERMONT 05045

May 23, 1979



Mr. Craig Whipple
HCRS Grants Administrator
Agency of Environmental Conservation
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Mr. Whipple:

Enclosed are two copies of a map depicting the access roads leading to the land proposed for Fairlee's HCRS Project. These maps also indicate the names of abutting land owners to the land proposed for the project.

Also enclosed are two copies of the draft of the Plan for Management of Recreational Activities in the HCRS Project and Forest Management Plan on the Fairlee HCRS Project.

Two copies of the new General Provisions, signed by board chairman Paul A. Sargent, were mailed on May 22, 1979. to the attention of Shirley Aldrich.

Please contact us if you have any question.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF FAIRLEE

Shirley D. Godfrey
Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

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assistants spent considerable time cruising ~~the~~ forest in order to prepare a detailed long-term plan to upgrade the forest and promote steady yield of timber. The plan divides the 700 acres into 15 sections (see map.) according to type of soil and tree growth. It adds recommendations for each section as to need for thinning or girdling, watershed protection, improvement of deer parks and browse, the presence of fuelwood and sawtimber, etc. We start^{ed} selective cutting of fuelwood this spring and have a contract with a logger who does not use large machinery.. Inspection will be done after each cutting before the logger moves onto another marked section.

A similar ~~type~~ type of analysis and careful planning will be done for the HCRS property with the purpose of enhancing and expanding the aforementioned recreational activities. In addition, before any cutting, we will also consult with the Vermont Fish and Game Department for their advice on protecting and improving wild life habitats.

Finally, it should be noted that our Fairlee snowmobile club has always taken great care to route their trails around deer yards.

6. Finances

Any funds accruing from logging or other operations will be expended on:

- a) expanding, upgrading and maintaining trails and access routes.

- b) blazing and painting boundaries.
- c) establishing and maintaining signs.
- d) hiring necessary professional and other assistance.
- e) printing a brochure with map, describing recreational facilities in Fairlee.
- f) eventually for improving and expanding other recreational activities in Fairlee.

Accumulation of funds will be managed under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. (see below).

7. Administration

Within the next year the interim Kee Committee will hand over management of the HCRS project to a permanent Board of Trustees of at least 5 members serving for a term of 5 years and elected by the town. They will be responsible for planning and managing all activities pertaining to the HCRS program. This included monitoring use of the facility, establishing controls to prevent abuse and overuse, considering all suggestion and complaints, developing long-range plans to meet increasing and/or changing needs. obtaining professional services as required, coordination of recreational activities with those of other agencies and towns, cooperation with Town Recreation Council and the Town Planning Commission, and managing all financial matters with legal advice as required. All activities and decisions shall be in accord with the statutes

Town of Fairlee
March 17, 1980

Pursuant to the provisions of V.S.A. Title 31, Section 202 and 203 there is hereby created a recreational board to be designated the Lange Forest^{Board,} to consist of five members appointed by the Selectmen such that the term of one member shall expire at the end of each calendar year. The conduct of the Fairlee Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service project is delegated to such board as follows:

A. The FHCRS project shall at all times be conducted in conformity with the provisions of law, both Federal and State, and the conditions set forth or implicit in the terms of the grants therefor, in order to accomplish the development and maintenance of the recreational facilities outlined in the application for the said grants.

B. The project is to be managed by the board in such a way as to require no financial support from the Town's general fund or highway fund. When the proceeds received from the sale of logs and wood products become available from cutting the same in accordance with the Forest Management Report, such proceeds shall be separately held and accounted for by the Town Treasurer and invested in certificates of interest-bearing deposits in banks or in U.S. Government bills or bonds or in agencies whose obligations are guaranteed by the U.S. Government, in order to produce the highest income consistent with safety: and only the income from such funds is to be used by said board in conducting the project, except as the Selectmen may from time to time authorize the use of any of the principal of said funds. Authorization to the amount of \$1500 when the first such proceeds are received is hereby given for the "start up" expenses of

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the project during 1980. In subsequent years, authorization for expenditures of principal shall be limited to 10% of the principal then on hand. The board however shall have the power to accept and use for the project suitable gifts and bequests to the Town for the project as restricted by the donor or testator or as unrestricted in the use of principal, which donations or bequests, if unrestricted as to the use of principal, shall be held by the Town Treasurer separate and apart from the funds which are limited as to the use of income only.

C. The board shall at all times conduct the project as a system of public recreation having in mind the goal of expanding and enhancing four types of recreational activities on FHCRS land, namely; hunting, hiking, snowmobiling and ski touring.

D. Subject to the foregoing the board shall have full power to conduct the project, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to lay out, construct and maintain trails and other areas for the above types of recreational activities and to make all reasonable rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the same by the public. The layout of any trails crossing other lands of the Town shall be submitted, before construction, to the Selectmen for approval.

E. The board shall make an annual report to the Selectmen of receipts and expenses and operations for the year just past to be delivered to the Selectmen and Town Auditors in time for publication in the Annual Town Report.

Selectmen

Larry C. Martin

Edwin C. Mead

Donald H. Stocking