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Subject: Re: Examples of expected contracts for logging
Date: June 23, 2020 at 8:52 PM
To: bill.weale@builderman.com
Cc: Fairlee Town Administrator townadministrator@fairleevt.org, Town Treasurer treasurer@fairleevt.org

PB

Hi Bill,

First let me thank you for hours of your time spent, the relentless efforts working to resolve some very difficult issues that haven't been addressed for decades.

Lots to think over but I would say our short answer is No, there has been nothing to me that has ever felt straightforward about the relationship between the Forest Board and the Selectboard. A significant lack of communication, a good deal of secrecy.

Yes, I'm aware there have to be records that exist. This was the desire on my part in the fall of 2018 to ask that the Forest Board submit a budget before the Town. At that time it was clear I didn't understand a mystery surrounding that Board and how it perceives their governance. that

To the point, the concern over the presentation to the SB last evening, as I understood it, even with the difficulty of the communication was the lack by Town and the FB to adhere to some expected responsibilities in the original agreements of the Grants. It would seem that that places us in a position of non-compliance.

First for clarity of the issues as I asked is outline of a timeline in simple bullet points. I am sure this is turning into folders of papers, regardless of the breadth of those missing items. But with a timeline and various point would provide us with a clear idea of some of the situations you've uncovered, the relevant conversations and contacts verifying these situations.

This could allow us to both understand some situations and to formulate questions and begin to provide a course of action for the future. Certainly there is more to come on these issues.

Peter

From: bill.weale@builderman.com <bill.weale@builderman.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Peter Berger <peter.berger@fairleevt.org>
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Hi Peter—

I've just now reviewed these 2 agreements you sent a couple of weeks ago. They track very closely with actual agreements I've received from local woodlot owners, particularly in regards to VT logging requirements. The forester in the cases I've reviewed provides a complete set of records, including mill or concentration yard slips for logs and scale

slips for pulp and chips, in truckload detail. Every truck load is identified by a gate slip and logs are identified **individually** by load, scale and board footage and price paid.

I've not found anything close to this in the town records, not even a logging contract or a forester's agreement**. Are we realizing just now that we've never had this info?

Bill

**FYI, we've been calling Markus Bradley/Redstart Forestry our Town Forester. However just during the past week or so, I have found only a single agreement with them: a Forest Management Contract signed in 2013 which expired in 2016. It was solely to write the FMP. There was no evidence of Redstart contracts or invoices in Tad's "Documents" folder which I scanned last week. The only thing I've seen is from a 2018-19 summary Tad received, after requesting it. Do we know what records the FFB is retaining?

On Jun 8, 2020, at 9:51 AM, Peter Berger <peter.berger@fairleevt.org> wrote:

Tad,

I have attached copies provided to me of contracts that the SB should be seeing. These have to exist somewhere for the Town Forest.

As is clear in Statute the nature of the SB is to administer the funds of the Town. To that end, I believe if we were to seek an answer to the question of whether there are any rights to administer funds of the Town other than the SB the answer would be in the negative.

Peter

<Example Logging Service Agreement 2020.docx><EXAMPLE Timber Sale Contract 2020 - Summer.docx>