

Danville Conservation Commission Notes (DCC)

Location: Danville Town Hall

2/17/20

Attendance: Dave Houston, Vange Morse, Brian Henderson, Barbara Huibregtse, Wes Everts, Keih Gadapee, Bridget Ferrin-Smith , Matt Langlais

1. Approved minutes of February 3rd meeting, 2020

2. Meet with Matt Langlais and discuss his harvest marking for Rogers Lot and recommendations of loggers we should consider to invite to bid the job.

- Matt presented us with his Timber Sale Notice and Prospectus and we went over it.
- The Deadline will be May 15th for bids from loggers. The Town Clerk/Manager will collect them and not open them until the official bid opening.
- Loggers are required to do a Physical tour of the area to be logged with Matt Langlais (the forester) before submitting the bid. The date for that showing is May 1st. Keith thinks it will be fine to do the showing that day.
- The prospectus goes over the area and the description of the timber. Matt and Wes both agreed that if the forester is not capable to do Girdling because of the lack of workmans comp for that activity then one of them will do the job themselves. (it's a hand-cut operation)
- He went over how he came up with the timber estimates and he described the thinning of the Plantation trees and infested trees, and any ash that will probably succumb to EAB.
- Wes and he discussed the bid minimums as fair price levels and ultimately decided to keep their numbers.
- He went over the expected harvest conditions and state laws and expectations.
- Keith agreed to contact the Vast organization to coordinate a closure of one of the trials for 3-5 days that goes through an area to be logged.
- We went through the requirements, etc.
- Discussion about the Bidding Criteria. Because of the nature of how we want the job done, it will require a logger who has a "mechanized operation" meaning specifically a feller buncher. 2. We would like somebody who is from the area. 3. A certified logger who we know has gone through a training process. And 4. A logger who has not had any violations in the last 10 years. (if they have a violation then they are required to go through the certification process so just having the certification does not always follow that they are conscientious loggers)
- After filtering for these criteria Matt came up with the following names. We then went over those names and Matt, Wes and Keith discussed who would likely be interested in

bidding on the job and only came up with 4 names. We discussed maybe changing the criteria to allow for a bigger pool, but as Bridget pointed out, sometimes having more choices is not better.

- We discussed that we and the selectboard would like to give loggers from the town of Danville a shot and we talked about if there was anybody who fit the criteria and which criteria they would meet. We decided that we would feel comfortable with a Danville logger if they fit all the criteria except not necessarily having the certification as long as they didn't have any violations and met the mechanized operation criteria. This exception would only hold for loggers out of Danville. We felt this was a good compromise and Matt will make the edits.
- The next step is to present to the Selectboard to get it approved and then invite these loggers to bid.