

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 24, 2016

RE: Town of Weare – Committee to Study Firing Range Improvements

Attendees:

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On Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. the attendees above met at the Weare Town Office to discuss improvements to the recently closed Town Firing Range. The following is a brief summary of the items discussed.

Overall goals were discussed, and include: visiting the existing closed firing range, visiting the Goffstown Fish & Game Range on Barnard Hill Rd., researching NRA and other guidelines, develop improvement plans and details, estimating improvement costs, research and evaluate potential sources of funding, study environmental impacts of dealing with lead, and finally to make suggestions on policy regarding use of the firing range, in preparation for a Warrant Article for the 2017 Town Meeting.

Next Step: Visit the Town Range and Goffstown F&G Range

Due: June 10, 2016

It was agreed that Keith Lacasse would chair the meetings as well as keep minutes.

The group discussed some ideas for safety including: observation of use by a range officer, filling out facility use forms at the Weare P.D., requiring users to produce proof of firearms safety training, e.g. hunter safety class, former or current military training, former or current police officer. This topic will be discussed in greater detail at future meetings

Lori Davis suggested the NRA may have some insight and/or resources on details of a good safe firing range.

Next Step: Lori Davis will reach out to the NRA for assistance

Due: June 24, 2016

The group discussed the possibility of having the Weare DPW participate in the construction of the facility, and the potential to use sand-filled discarded tires to separate shooting lanes.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Goffstown Fish & Game