

NH Prescribed Fire Council
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 9:00am-1:00pm
Morse Preserve Alton, NH

Mike Crawford (The Nature Conservancy), John Neely (US Forest Service), Zack Boyajian (NH Military Affairs and Veteran Services), Tom Trask (NH Forest and Lands), Stephen Najjar (Space Force), Steve Junkin (Forest Society), Rebecca DiGirolomo, Heidi Holman (NH Fish and Game), Kim Osorio (NH Military Affairs and Veteran Services) Wendy Weisiger (Forest Society).

Field Tour Morse Preserve

Steve Junkin and Wendy Weisiger led a field tour of the Morse Preserve to gain feedback from Council members on prescribed fire considerations for the site. The Forest Society has been maintaining the retired blueberry fields for wildlife habitat and recreation. Management to date has been mechanical with periodic mowing with a brontosaurus to maintain the blueberries and early successional habitat in various stages. Council members were supportive of future prescribed fire efforts and collaboration at the site. And provided feedback on considerations for burning and next steps to begin the planning process.

This was Mike Crawford's last meeting as Chair, Rebecca DiGirolomo will serve as Chair for the next year. John Neely will serve as Vice Chair.

Next meeting: February – location and time TBD

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca DiGirolomo, Vice Chair