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Before I forget, we are supposed to come up with a "budget" for 2007. This is the amount that has to be approved at town meeting so that we are authorized to spend it, or its donated equivalent. Should it be the same amount as last year, which was a low ball estimate of fixing up the loop road?

Summary of our work day, Sun Nov 5:

Work day was well attended; Doug Freeland, the Lipfert family and Joel Wood (from Hanover) hand dug water turn outs on the upper section of Root Hill Road.

Mariet and Rob Jaarsma and Laird Klingler cleaned out ditches on the loop road.

John Hammond and Sue Fitch cleared access to potential small scale tree harvest areas. Future plan is to remove a small number of trees to use for town projects such as covered bridge repair, and possible lean-to construction.

Jim Fitch and Ginny P. marked water bars for the restoration crew from the powerline to install after they get finished making a total mess of things. Also per Ginny's conversation with Dick Conaway (of Thiro USA, the contractor for the National Grid 149 line renovation project) we marked a location for gate posts at the entrance to the loop road from Root Hill. We also marked the town forest boundaries on the power line right of way, for the power line crew to leave old utility poles partially blocking the service road. The plan is that this way we can more easily control ATV and 4 wheel traffic in the town forest in the wet season.

Ginny redug the silted in drainage ditch at the lower Root Hill parking area with tractor.

Anyone who has any time to stop by and monitor the damage the powerline crew is doing - I think it is a good idea to check in as often as we can, and try to be right there when they start fixing things, to do everything we can to get the fixes done as well as possible. Currently they hope to be doing this work between Thanksgiving and Dec 7.

I think Dick Conaway has so many things on his plate that it will just be easy for him to "forget" what he promised. Also there could be additional damage that needs attention, for instance to the culvert at the south end of the road. It started out with 1 blow out and when I looked at it the other day, there was a big dimple under the other wheel track. If those guys damage it any more I think they should fix it, but we might have to make a stink to get our way.

Other items discussed were potential youth group projects: recutting the view and burning the brush to enhance the blueberry patch, and building a lean-to.

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ps I am going to try to make these reports more faithfully after our meetings and keep print copies for the record.

Kate, do you have any time to put a little report on our work day in Consider This?