

Minutes of the Resource Management Work Group

Nov. 27, 2000

The Resource Management Work Group met Nov. 27, 2000 at Weymouth Woods, with the following members present: Bill Parsons, Margit Bucher, Doug Howell, Jim Prevatte, Harold Brady, Susan Miller, Debbie Robertson, Jackie Britcher, and Julian Johnson.

Chairman Parsons called the meeting to order and passed out a proposed agenda. Julian Johnson read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved by common consent.

Maps and aerial photographs of the area under study were presented to the group for review. The group discussed priority areas, and the differing needs and goals of landowners within the areas. The group agreed that although the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker is the emphasis of this study, other species and ecosystem issues must be considered. It was agreed that in relation to the RCW, two standards for habitat need to be considered: Recovery, defined as areas where no RCW's currently exist, and Maintenance, areas containing existing colonies. The guidelines for management of the two areas differ.

Chm. Parsons distributed copies of excerpts from the RCW Recovery Plan Proposed Guidelines for the group to study. It was concluded that more time would be needed, and that the guidelines would be discussed at a future meeting.

The group discussed topics that need to be addressed at future meetings, including: 1. Need to identify focus areas 2. Ecosystem/timber issues 3. Developing prescriptions for various tract types.

It was agreed the next meeting would be held Jan. 11, 2001, at Weymouth Woods, at 9:00AM.

Chm.Parsons then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julian Johnson, Secretary