

Our Town Forest

*The **Public Town Forest Meeting** on November 3, 2021 at 6:00, Town Hall, is our chance—for the first time since the town forest was expanded through bequests and federal grants in 1980---to decide as a community how we want to use this valuable natural resource and town asset.*

Main Options to Consider and Prioritize:

1) The forest's environmental value:

- a. in mitigating the impacts of climate change
- b. in preserving and enhancing an intact and biologically diverse ecosystem

2) the forest's economic value:

- a. potential net income from resource harvesting
- b. potential net income from carbon storage and sequestration:
- c. potential net income from recreational use and tourism

3) the forest's recreational and historic values:

- a. impacts of public access to wild spaces, scenic destinations, and historic sites

4) the forest's scientific and educational values:

- a. in examining how forest ecosystems work, ours in particular
- b. in building public awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of forest ecosystems

5) forest management options:

- a. forest management plans
- b. recreational management plans
- c. forest stewardship plans