

CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN #6

GOVERNOR COBURN DRIVE LARCH PLANTATION

LOCATION: Skowhegan (Town Map 5 Lot 118), between Governor Coburn Drive (Rte 2) and the Parkman Hill Rd. Parcel #6 on SWT map. On north side of the Governor Coburn Drive. Plaque on a granite post present on south side of lot that has inscription “Governor Coburn Drive”.

SIZE: 9.0 acres.

LAND COVER: Wooded.

FEATURES /PUBLIC VALUES:

1. Upland property very close to the Kennebec River and the Town.
2. Larch plantation.
3. Scenic working forest on Governor Coburn Drive (Rte 2), near Parkman Hill Rd. and Kennebec River.

FOCUS SPECIES:

1. None at present.

CONCERNS:

1. Trees block view of river from some Parkman Hill Rd. residences.
2. Property not signed to identify SWT as owner.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Manage the larch stand for timber and scenic values.
2. Use as public educational tool regarding a working forest with scenic values.
3. Manage in conjunction with the other SWT parcels on and near the Kennebec River.
4. Put up signs identifying SWT as owner of property and indicating it is a “working” forest.
5. Consider potential for opening up views for abutters.
6. Evaluate and determine Focus Species, if appropriate.
7. Contact MANP, IF&W, and MHPC to determine if they have any interest in or recommendations regarding the management of the property.