

## Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

June 6, 2013

Nipmuc High School Gathering Room; 7:35 pm

Members Present: Matthew Bachtold, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Bill Taylor

Other Attendees:

1. Discussion about appointment of Land Stewards for specific properties. According to current LSC charter stewards can be appointed by the LSC. LSC members are appointed by BOS, but Land Stewards are not. Motion made and approved to appoint the Mahers as WBCA stewards.
2. Stewardship Handbook: MS to work on developing a handbook. Arlington handbook to serve as an initial model and guide.
3. WCA: MS met with Dana Perry of AMC. AMC is willing to help build boardwalk at Whitney CA West, but the LSC needs to design it. A BSTR event is planned for late July and boardwalk should be installed by then. MP to design boardwalk and provide MS with list of needed materials.
4. WCA Parking Area: Waiting for quote (which adjusts for the Pyne Gravel donation) and proof of insurance from Paul K, and Dig Safe.
5. Stefans: MP working on NOI. Entire project needs to be completed by end of 2013.
6. Weed/Invasive Control: Planned for Whitney CA West (PI) and Stefans (PI and MR).
7. Howarth CA: AM has rerouted part of trail that was on his property.
8. Whitney East: wet areas along trail just east of hayfields need to be addressed.
9. Community Garden: 3 beds are unclaimed; 2 gardeners seem to have dropped out. MS to plant unused plots for UP food pantry.
10. Goss Pond Open Space: No word yet if abutter (Foley) has surveyed the boundary. The following motion was made and approved unanimously (4-0). "Having taken into consideration the comments of the local community and direct abutters, the LSC finds it is in the town's best interest to establish a 3 ft wide foot trail from Green Lane to the existing trail system on the Goss Pond parcel. Furthermore, this should be accomplished as resources allow within one year."
11. Howarth Glen CA: Motion made to construct narrow boardwalk across the brook at the edge of the field after providing notification to the RecCom. Approved unanimously (4-0). WT to contact RecCom.
12. Warren Brook CA: Walk with Mike Sawyers of MA DFW occurred today. Mike will prepare a report. An unauthorized tree stand was found that is damaging a tree; the stand needs to be removed.
13. Work date scheduled: 9 am Jun 16<sup>th</sup> at Whitney.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.