

Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

August 7, 2014

Nipmuc High School: 7:33

Members Present: Mary Overholt, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Bill Taylor, Cathy Taylor

1. North Street Parcels: Management of town owned parcels 4-12 and 5-4 discussed. Motion to recommend Conservation Commission ask BOS for permission to manage these parcels. 2nd and approved.
2. Rockwood Meadows: Discussion about easement deed and CR. The Conservation Commissions is coordinating this with the LDG and the Planning Board.
3. Peppercorn: The sign has been delivered and paid for. BT to investigate cost of granite posts.
4. Kiosk Design: BT has been researching design. Prefers metal roof. There will likely be different sizes/designs based on need and location. A prototype will be deployed at Stefans (Whitney CA kiosk will be No. 2). Motion to hire professional carpenter to help design and build prototype. 2nd and approved.
5. Emerald Ash Borer: Discussion about actions to take in advance of expected EAB infestation in Upton. 1) photo document large trees; monitor and treat selected trees with pesticides (e.g. the trail along Whitney West - SWF pasture). MP to research issue further.
6. Whitney CA: Motion to purchase a sign for parking lot "Whitey Conservation Area Public Parking (Dawn to Dusk) for up to \$150. 2nd and approved.
7. Stefans: MS Talked with Rick R. about mowing this fall after GT works to clear back woody vegetation along field edges. CT to investigate seeding fields with wildflower seed purchased from Project Native.
8. Stefans: MP suggested LSC investigate creating a dog park, using the west side field nearest to Mechanic St. Using east side field near the Community Garden is a possibility, but it may be more valuable wood turtle habitat than the west side field.
9. Howarth Glen Schoolhouse No. 6. MP suggested getting quotes to remove trees growing within the structure. Motion to get quotes and approach CPA committee for funding 2nd and approved.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Approved:
