

Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

July 3, 2014

Nipmuc High School: 7:30

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

1. Whitney Parking Area: Six granite car stoppers delivered and installed to delineate parking. LSC discussed whether or not eliminate 6th space because it was too close to eastern end of the parking easement. End of parking lot should be delineated with granite car stoppers. Motion to reduce number of spaces from 6 to 5, seconded and approved.
2. Stefans: MS and MP met with Greg Trussel (landscaper). Greg would charge \$1000 day for basic field mowing. Greg would charge \$1,250 day to clear vegetation along edge of fields. The vegetation would be chipped in place (except for larger saplings). Motion to fund one-day edge clearing test effort this fall seconded and approved. Any work would not be done until after November 1 to protect Eastern box turtle. LSC will cut the larger trees.
3. Stefans Wetland Mitigation Area: Motion to hire Greg Trussel for one day effort to excavate and grade mitigation area this summer for \$1600. Seconded and approved.
4. Peppercorn Hill Sign: Waiting for artwork from Sunshine Sign
5. Recreational Trails (Signage) Grant: Contract signed. Check if signs and kiosks are exempt from Sign Bylaw. First Kiosk to be constructed at Whitney parking area. Need to develop content for kiosk display (property history, maps, wildlife info; land use regulations)
6. Peppercorn Hill Conservation Area: Hopkinton has acquired open space adjacent to Upton's land in Hopkinton.
7. Five Forks Farm (Whitney CA West Parcel): Discussion about need for barrier fence along the FFF electric fence. Motion to support barrier fence seconded and approved, but ConCom should make the decision. The fence would cost several thousand dollars.
8. Whitney Conservation Area (West Parcel): Discussion about whether or not to keep the small field open. Site visit needed before making a decision.
9. Goss Pond: MP to prepare RFD for boardwalk and will begin work on a Land Stewardship Plan.
10. Warren Street Open Space: CT volunteered to be the LSC point person for that parcel.
11. Meeting adjourned at ?? pm.

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