

Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

March 6, 2014

Nipmuc High School: 7:35

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

Others Present: Mark LeClarie JR and Mark LeClarie SR

1. Whitney CA Parking Area: CT contacted fencing vendor for cost estimate.
2. Stefans Farm Community Garden: A new coordinator is needed (former coordinator has resigned from the LSC). MO volunteered to help; MS will advertize for new gardeners;
3. Mark LeClarie (Eagle Scout Project at Heritage Park): Mark is building a kiosk at the park and there was a long discussion about the design. The LSC RT Grant application included Heritage Park, so coordination between the Mark, LSC, and Historical Commission is needed. Mark intends to match the material used for an already constructed on-site shed (“crazy wood”). LSC may want to use a different kiosk design elsewhere in town. Mark also proposes to use wooden shingles instead of asphalt, wooden pegs instead of nails, and a peaked roof. SHPO review/approval of kiosk location is required if RT Grant funds are used. A site visit at the park was tentatively scheduled for April 24th at 7 pm.
4. Peppercorn Hill Conservation Area Stewardship Plan: MS working on draft.
5. Stewardship Handbook: MS will a send draft to the WBCA stewards.
6. Warren Brook Conservation Area Forest Stewardship Plan: MS applied for a MA DCR forest stewardship grant. The plan will include the WBCSA and abutting town properties, totaling about 330 acres. LSC may wish to enhance the standard DCR plan by mapping stone walls, identify legacy trees, etc.
7. Stefans Farm – Orchard Street Access: location for Eagle Scout boardwalk project.
8. It would be helpful to create spreadsheets to track to-do lists and completed work for each conservation area. MP to submit new format for review at next meeting.
9. February 2014 minutes approved as corrected.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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