

Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

November 13, 2014

Town Hall (Ground Floor Conference Room): 7:40

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

Visitor: Steve Johnson

1. Kiosk Design: Discussion with Steve Johnson regarding a prototype design for a kiosk to be constructed at Stefans next year. Issues discussed include height, type of roof, one side or two sided, size, use of Plexiglas, etc. BT has design lead.
2. Senior Check Off Program – Discussion about using seniors as trail wardens.
3. Rockwood Meadows: MP made presentation to Hopkinton ConCom (MS and BT also attended). Hopkinton to consider issues and discuss with their Planning Board.
4. Stefans: Construction of mitigation area is underway. Greg Trussel is doing the work with MP providing oversight. GT will also mow field edges (1 day trial). Using Greg to remove boulders from old cart path authorized by unanimous vote.
5. Schoolhouse 6 Tree Removal: The project was voted down by CPC last night. Removing trees is consistent with DCR best practices for historic sites. On-site meeting with Jeff Thompson (tree warden) planned. LSC will consider seeking out alternative funding and consider removing many of the smaller trees ourselves
6. AmeriCorps Volunteers: Discussion of potential projects for an SVT/AmeriCorps volunteer in Upton. It was decided to the volunteer to look into opportunities to better connect trail systems in Upton to those in Grafton, Westborough, and Hopkinton.
7. Trails Grant – Interpretive Panels - BT to develop list of proposed panels.
8. Goss Pond Boardwalk: MP will ask for help as needed.
9. Eagle Scout projects completed at the Community Garden and Peppercorn.
10. Naming North Street parcels: No update.
11. Work Dates: Thompson Property (November 16 (9-11 am).
12. Whitney Parking Area: On site meeting scheduled for November 16 to consider signage and number of spacers.
13. Pratt Hill: Dough Harris would like the LSC to keep an eye on the tribe's Pratt Hill Property. Plans underway to apply for a grant to map Pratt Hill (the Ecotarium will partner with the tribe). Motion to send letter of support for the grant seconded and approved. MS to draft and send letter.
14. Annual Report: MS to draft and send out a draft for review.
15. Oral History: MS is typing up oral history interview with Mr. and Mrs. Howarth. Mr. H knew about the mica quarry off North Street. It was located some distance west of the stone quarry but may have been filled.
16. Minutes from October 2 meeting approved.
17. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Approved:
