

Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

October 2, 2014

Nipmuc High School: 7:35

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

1. LSC minutes for September meeting approved with minor corrections.
2. Community Garden: MS to meet with RP to review end of season garden closeout. Whether or not to charge gardeners a plot fee in 2015 discussed. The consensus was to continue to have a voluntary fee and voluntary work hours. MP requested LSC ask DPW to remove boulders from the parking area.
3. Upcoming Work Dates: October 11 and October 19.
4. Peppercorn Conservation Area: New sign - committee decided to use PT wood posts rather than granite posts.
5. Whitney Conservation Area – Signage and Parking Area. WT and AM to talk with Potheau about signage to be installed. LSC decided on carved wood signage (3 ft wide), with the signage to be installed close to wall. The number of parking spaces was discussed. MP suggested reducing number from 6 to 4 to provide a buffer between public parking and Potheau's assorted vehicles and equipment (recent [Oct 2] pictures of parking area reviewed). Site visit scheduled for Saturday 11, with members attending authorized to remove 1 or 2 of the six granite car stoppers.
6. Sweetwilliam Farm: MS to draft letter from ConCom to send to Five Forks Farm regarding mowing of the pasture. Draft to be provided to SVT.
7. Howarth Oral History Interview: To be conducted on October 15 or 21.
8. Howarth Glen: Schoolhouse 6 project. CPC hearing in November. LSC to ask Historic Commission for letter of support.
9. Kiosk: Steve Johnson is willing to work on the prototype (he will be asked to attend next meeting).
10. Goss Pond Boardwalk: November work day? MP to schedule it.
11. North Street Parcels: BOS meeting scheduled for November 7.
12. Community Garden: Eagle Scout project (additional raised beds and compost bins) expected to be completed in November.
13. Committee Organization: MP questioned if the property POC concept was working and suggested we assign managers to individual projects rather than properties. MS to make a list of active projects.
14. Howarth Glen: Warren Brook crossing and need for fall protection: BT has done additional research and the LSC should install fall protection in areas where the drop is greater than 4 ft. BT to be POC on the retrofit.
15. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Approved:

