

Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

August 6, 2015

Town Hall (Ground Floor Meeting Room): 7:35

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

1. July 2 minutes approved with minor corrections.
2. Community Garden: 12 active gardeners this season; 5 plots are being used to supply the Upton Food Pantry; MO volunteered to manage garden next year.
3. Heritage Day: Motion to expend \$15 for table at 2015 Heritage Day (October 3). Seconded and approved.
4. Sweet William Farm: Pasture was recently mowed by Mr. Howarth. Does vegetation growing over stone walls and a pine tree need to be cleared for aesthetics? MS will schedule a site visit this fall. ConCom has the right but not obligation to do landscaping at SWF pasture.
5. Stefans Farm Kiosk: Motion to expend up to \$100 for metal roof. Seconded and approved.
6. Peppercorn Kiosk: Motion to pay extra cost of 0.6 PSF PT wood for posts or to provide treated posts. Seconded and approved.
7. Community Garden: Discussion about constructing additional raised beds to finish the garden. Motion to rent bobcat not to exceed \$400 to move materials. Seconded and approved. Tentative work date is October 17. MP to rent bobcat.
8. Other scheduled work dates: WBCA/Whitney trail work – August 15; Stefans Kiosk – August 29.
9. Whitney Conservation Area. Tree has fallen onto trail easement – situation requires professional support. Motion to authorize LSC chair to spend up to \$1000 to hire contractor to remove the tree. Seconded and approved.
10. Art Trail: CT suggested LSC visit an art trail in Hopkinton.
11. Pell Farm/Warren Brook site visit: WT, JK (from SVT), and Grafton ConCom agent and assistant agent walked trails and viewed complex of structures in Grafton, near WBCA. Grafton to follow-up.
12. SVT Dog policy: MS to provide to ConCom for consideration.
13. Rockwood Meadows: Rockwood Meadows CR and easement deed expected to be signed in August.
14. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

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