

Meeting Minutes – Upton Land Stewardship Committee

November 5, 2015

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

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

Visitor: Chris Scott

1. Stefans Farm: Discussion about mowing field on east side of the property. Motion to hire Greg Trussel to mow field edges, move stones, and garden soil; cost not to exceed \$1300. Seconded and approved. Mowing to occur after November 15 to minimize risk to wood turtle.
2. Signage: MS/WT met with BOS to discuss signage at LSC managed properties. The BOS was supportive. The Potheaus did not attend the BOS meeting. Committee of three to meet with Potheaus to discuss signage at Whitney parking area. MP requested a MFR be prepared to document the Potheau meeting. MS has an idea for design of a small kiosk.
3. Snow Removal Policy (Stefans): DPW will plow the lot, but it will be last on their list of priorities.
4. Snow Removal Policy (Whitney): Discussion about how to plow the Whitney lot. DPW will not do it and LSC/ConCom does not want to enter into an agreement with the Potheaus. Bob is only to plow driveway as needed to access his property. Motion that one – three spaces in the lot be maintained by hiring a landscaper to shovel or snow blow, with snow to be placed on adjacent unplowed spaces or abutters property (with permission). Seconded and approved.
5. Gold Award Guidance: MS prepared a draft for review at next LSC meeting. It is modeled after the Eagle Scout Award guidance.
6. Ryan Property: WT provided update. Phase I environmental assessment needed, to include a site walk-over and an EDR data review. Deed is under town counsel review.
7. Riverbend: MO has learned of a public easement which provides access to Center Brook. MO will research further. Subdivision plans should show location of the easement.
8. Peppercorn: WT proposed adding a north/south trail to connect existing east/west trails which run north of the Snow Family Conservation Area and south of the Mill River. Also, the eastern end of the Mill River trail to Crockett road is on private land, is overgrown, and should be deleted from the trail map.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:56.

Approved:

