Upton Land Stewardship Committee Thursday, October 1st, 2015, 7.30 PM

Minutes

Present: Marcella Stasa, Bill Taylor, Kathy Taylor, Scott Heim, Mary Overholt

Heritage Day plans & schedule – Heritage Day is Saturday. The Land Stewardship Committee will have a table there to promote Upton's trail, the Community Garden and educate people about what we do

Access to Stefans options – Mike has prepared a map of the options for access to Stefans. This will be presented to the CPC on Wednesday. The idea is to ask for money to get engineering done on the different options. The options are as follows 1) from Orchard St. includes a stream crossing, 2) from Mechanic St. through the power line, there are land ownership obstacles here. 3) Mechanic St. on the town owned ROW

Forestry outreach plan – Action here depends on how fast the Conservation Commission moves. The Con Com will hold a hearing to talk about possible cutting. Marianne from the State would be willing to talk. Cathy says there may be historic resources up there which she would want to mark off before any logging begins. This will be a while off though.

Concerns regarding Whitney Conservation Area easement – Potheau sent a letter with questions to the Land Stewardship committee. Some questions were targeted specifically to Mike, some the committee could answer. Bill wrote up answers to his questions. A motion was made and passed to accept this write up, with a few minor corrections and forward it to the Selectmen. A motion was also made by Bill to include an expression of support for Mike, that he acted honorably with the best intentions on behalf of the Land Stewardship Committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

Submitted by Mary Overholt