March 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes **Upton Open Space Committee**

Nipmuc High, 7.01

Members present:

Alan Miano Mike Penko Marcella Stasa Bill Taylor

Minutes from Jan and Feb 2012 accepted unanimously as corrected.

Minutes will be put on the website

Discussion to define major branches for the proposed Scenic Roads Bylaw (SRB).

Reviewed definitions; tree health definition needs clarification.

We don't want to have an impact on aesthetic value.

The Tree Warden works with the Shade Tree Law.

Discussed definition of stone wall.

Definition of stone walls to include retaining walls.

Abutters defined as property owners within 300' of either street-front corner of the parcel in front of which work is to be done.

BT will send a draft of the SRB and warrant article to the UOSC and Planning Board on the 13^{th} for review and send it to Blythe Robinson on the 14^{th} .

The SRB will need to be approved at the Annual Town Meeting, sent to the Attorney General, and then a hearing is held for the designation of roads.

Miscoe Hill Road is discontinued-can't be designated.

BT will contact the Tree Warden and the DPW to keep them in the loop.

MP is creating a new trail map for the Former Stefans Farm to have in time for the Antler Shed Hunt.

MS gave an update on the Shed Hunt; we expect 6 people per group, up to 36. Good response to the program.

The RR is doing more clearing, which may or may not need permitting.

RR is subject to the Clean Water Act.

Ask Con Com to investigate.

Meeting adjourned 8.20 PM