

March 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Upton Open Space Committee

Nipmuc High, 7.05

Members present:

Tom Dodd
Scott Heim
Rick Holmes
Alan Miano
Mike Penko
Marcella Stasa
Bill Taylor

We need to vote to take the Scenic Roads Bylaw to the Annual Town Meeting.

There is still time to make changes.

Abutters need not be notified via expensive certified mail. Less expensive confirmation of delivery may be used.

BT changed the section covering emergency work to make it clearer that it applies to utilities. We need to clarify who returns a stone wall it to its original state after an emergency, the utility or the town?

Walls in the right of way are town property; the town would be responsible.

If the walls in the right of way are considered boundary walls there would be a fine and restitution.

The public shade tree law protects trees in the right of way over 1 1/2" DBH
Tree Warden in Upton is appointed. The current Tree Warden may step down in FY2013.

The SRB has been seen by the Planning Board and the Historical Commission.

This will be a two step process, it's too late to recommend roads. The requirement for a hearing to select roads is written in the SRB itself. Road selection would have to take place after the SRB is accepted.

The warrant article has been submitted to the Town Manager for the Annual Town Meeting. Vote tonight is to officially agree to request that the SRB article is put on the warrant. It may be put off by the Selectmen because the Annual Town Meeting has a lot on the warrant already.

Motion to bring this to the next possible meeting-unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 7.18 PM