

Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2012 Meeting of the Temporary policy Subcommittee for the WHC

Prepared and submitted by Sheila Carel

Present: Sheila Carel, Tonya Largy, John Dyer, Gretchen Schuler, Liz Van Goeler, Elisa Scola

10:30 Meeting Called

Discussion of the Policy Document:

John Dyer mentioned the importance of a mission statement “Why we are doing what we are doing” in order to educate the town about the cultural resources and the need for protection.

Discussion as to what land would fall under the jurisdiction of this policy.

It was decided that the policy should address Town owned land although, once the policy is in place, it might be a good idea to contact others whose land falls within Town boundaries to make them aware of what we are doing: Sudbury Valley Trustees, State and Federal Land, Baystate, MWRA, US Fish and Wildlife.

Members looked at the current rendition of the sensitivity map. It was decided that the focus should be on the policy first. Once the policy is in place, the group will further develop and refine the sensitivity map.

A policy chart was developed to define the process.

- 1) Project idea initiated
- 2) Contact the WHC to inform of project
- 3) WHC will review the area in question for sensitivity according to criteria, known resources, and sensitivity map.
- 4) If the process in 3 suggests potential for cultural resources, a site visit will take place.
- 5) If the site visit suggests there may be resources, then an archeological survey, cultural resource survey, and/or monitors may be necessary before the project moves forward.
- 6) Continued communication with WHC between project planners and all specialists engaged in 5 is needed.

It was decided Sheila would draft a document to reflect the policy. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

11:30 Meeting Called