

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING – approved 11/15/11

October 18, 2011

Members Present: Wendy Sisson, Marc Sevigny, Phil Knoetner, Pam Durrant

Members not Present: Ron Kusner, Jim Adelson, George Watkins

Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. in the Hildreth House

- Minutes of previous meeting unanimously approved
- Discussion on signage. Wendy is placing an order for the three different signs, the directional sign, the regulations, and the conservation land signs.
- Wendy came up with a blazing idea to use strips of wood. Long strips easily painted, then cut to size, a small drill hole made, then nailed to the tree. Easier for touch up than painting tree bark. All seemed to think it would be neater, and have a longer lifespan than blazes on bark.
- Jim Adelson walked the Abbott land during the very wet period in September and concluded that waterbars are probably not needed. Surprising little water was crossing the trail.
- We're going to contact the DPW to see if they can get a vehicle into the Abbott trail to pick up the boardwalks that on the side of the trail for use elsewhere. Wendy moved them off the trails since they were a hazard. We're hoping that they can be used on the Clapp/Scorgie/Tufts land. Hope they can be moved behind the Belleview cemetery.
- Phil mentioned that Fence on Holy Hill has been painted. (MGS: Looks great!). Project to install the new fence posts is scheduled for Thursday November 10th. Wendy mentioned a wood preservative made by Wolman that is environmentally sensitive and acts as a preservative. Phil will check to see if it is available from GV Moore.
- Discussion on a snowmobile bypass trail that was built on the Small land behind the elementary school. The snowmobile club needs to be made aware that it cannot create new trails without approval from the ConCom. This bypass was created to avoid a damaged bridge that needs to be repaired. Pam will check the bypass and see if it is acceptable, or if the bridge repair needs to accommodate snowmobiles if the bypass trail is deemed improper.
- Marc will contact Chris Tracey to see if he has a way to get the boardwalks from the Mary Abbott trail. Hopefully he has a tractor or little trailer to pick up the boardwalks which are 600-800' downhill before you get to the loop trail.
- Sunday December 4th there will be a work day in the morning for placement of the boardwalks and trail maintenance at Clapp/Scorgie/Tufts. Wendy and Phil will scope the effort.
- Next meeting to be held on November 15 at 7:15 P.M.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

