

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING –approved 1/11/11

**December 14, 2010**

**Members Present:** Wendy Sisson, Jim Adelson, Ron Kusner, Marc Sevigny, Phil Knoetner, Pam Durrant, Bob Benson

**Members not Present:** George Watkins

Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. in the Old Library

- Minutes of previous meeting revised and unanimously approved
- Wendy mentioned that Lydia Rodger, a well known tracker, will be doing a winter tracking hike in Harvard some time on late January, perhaps. Possibly January 29, possibly at Scorgie-Clapp land.
- The group discussed the next project site walk, and decided on Pin Hill. One objective is to look at the snowmobiles' use of the secondary trails that are becoming very wide. Group will look at use and see if current uses are damaging and what might be done to mitigate erosion and damage.
- The Powell land was also discussed. Should check on the status of fields and speak with Jim Lee, who lives nearby and may have ideas and equipment to help implement. Pam to work on a management plan.
- The Maxant land was discussed. Trail bridges have been carried downstream by spring flooding. Group should examine current conditions and come up with a plan that protects the bridges from being perennially carried away. Phil may drive this one.
- Wendy then decided that the remaining lands should be divvied up among the members who could act as "go-to" persons for management, and could also get familiar with the conditions, report to the group current conditions, and organize people who might be interested in implementing management plans and trail maintenance. Wendy has the list.
- It was suggested that a future meeting could discuss regulations for winter use by snowmobiles.
- Next meeting to be held on January 11 at 7:15 P.M in the old Library
  
- Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

**Conservation land steward list:**

Here's how we divided things up. There are others we left out like Eastview, Dunlap, a couple I assigned, and a number of little parcels so this is a work in progress. Our jobs will be to monitor the land, develop neighborhood stewardship where feasible, and be the contact person for stewardship purposes.

Wendy: Hermann Orchard, Coke, Shapley, Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary

Jim: Pin Hill, Prospect Hill, Old Mill, Stone

Phil: Great Elms, Williams, Shaker Spring

Ron: Scorgie, Tufts, Clapp, Ohlin, Town Forest, Maxant

Marc: Holy Hill, Kauffman, Blomfelt

Bob: Vesenka, Black Pond, Sprague, Luongo

Pam: Powell, Reed, Abbott, Tripp, Gillette, Small