

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 27, 2018

Present: Wendy Sisson, Jim Adelson, Brian McClain

Not Present: Jim Burns, Carl Sciple, Sydney Blackwell, Pam Durrant, Phil Knoettner

Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. at the Hildreth House

Minutes from the 10/23/18 meeting, as prepared by Jim A, were approved

Reports and Trail Assignments

- Coke – Brian to become the Trail Steward
- Thurston's Cove – a dock has washed up, and DPW didn't want to remove it
- White Lane – there is an encroachment by an abutter; we'll ask the Holy Hill/Kaufman Trail Stewards, Marc Sevigny and Bob Benson to become the Trail Stewards for White Lane
- Shaker Quarry -- we'll ask Marc & Bob to be Trail Stewards here as well
- Old Mill – Jim A reported on the work done by Jim B and his daughter on 10/28, removing a large number of trees, and then Jim A's removal of five more trees on 11/10, with only three trees noted as remaining for removal

Black Pond

- Wendy wrote a memorandum of understanding between the Town of Harvard and the Sudbury Valley Trustees, indicating who will be responsible for what with SVT's acquisition of the adjoining Smith Land in Littleton
- There are a number of blowdowns on both the Black Pond and the Vesenska trail sections

Holy Hill

- Marc Sevigny attempted to use post-hole equipment to remove old posts at the Dancing Ground, but was unsuccessful
- Middlesex Fence will provide a bid to do the work
- A refurbished sign has been put up at the Dancing Ground, replacing the rotted sign
- The anticipated work day has not been held yet, due to bad weather

Winter Projects

- CDC tick signs are now in, and we can put them up when we get a chance
- Parking areas still need measurement, for submission to DPW for repair
- Black locusts at Shaker Reservoir – these need to be cleared and treated with herbicide, ideally in the Fall, so more thorough treatment may not occur 'til next Fall; Wendy will ask Marc Sevigny about any local mower in the Holy Hill area
- Willard Trail – Wendy plans to continue working on the trail during the winter
- Bridal Way improvements – a new culvert may be required

We'll add Fred Silverstein to e-mails, in case he wants to participate (done by Wendy)

Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary – Brian will work with Sylvain Delaney on additional maintenance

Wendy indicated that she is looking for someone to hire for restorational planting

Fall Walk

- The 11/4 walk drew 17 participants
- Good fortune on weather that day and the water from earlier rains receding made for a very nice time

The next meeting was scheduled for January 22nd

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM