

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 23, 2018

Present: Wendy Sisson, Jim Adelson, Brian McClain, Carl Sciple

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

Guest: Fred Silverstein

Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M. at the Hildreth House

Carl introduced Fred Silverstein, our new trail keeper for the Shaker Spring House property and trail, who lives very nearby on Green Hill Rd. Welcome, Fred! [On 10/24, Jim A gave Fred access to our Trail Status Log.]

Minutes from the 9/25/18 meeting, as prepared by Jim A and edited by Wendy, were approved

Jim A suggested establishing a workday for Old Mill, given the promise to improve it this Fall; from discussion Jim A and Wendy to talk to Jim B about what to do, and what the snowmobile club will do, with the hope that they can take on as much of the clearing as possible.

Wendy suggested that we get monitors for several additional conservation properties that have not had monitors because they do not have trails and/or are recent additions

- Coke – Brian to take on monitoring
- Thurston's Cove (off Warren Avenue) – needs a monitor
- White Lane – needs a monitor; also needs for one of the abutters to remove gravel that was put there and represents an encroachment – ConCom is working with the abutter on that; Wendy will also look at whether there is public access to this property
- Shaker Quarry (recent addition, adjacent to Kaufman) – needs a monitor

Fall Walk

- To be held Sunday, November 4th at 1 PM, utilizing Pin Hill and Prospect Hill properties
- Jim A shared highlights from research he'd done on the history of quarrying activity on Pin Hill
- Carl to talk to Ken Van Wormer about the walk potentially continuing along the ridge-top trail onto his land; Wendy to also check with Sandy Lefkowitz on location of the private property line, and potentially put up one of our signs to indicate the boundary
- Publicity
 - Brian to post in Nextdoor Harvard
 - Jim A to put up flyers at the Library, General Store, and Post Office
 - Jim A to send to *Harvard Press*
 - Wendy to ask for HCT e-mail

Property Reports

- Pin Hill
 - Jim A mentioned that he and his son Jeff had done the needed chainsaw work to clear a half dozen trees from the trail

- Vesenka
 - Carl reported that Boy Scouts did work on the wetland crossing not far in from the trailhead, and greatly improved the boardwalk, which had been very unstable but is now much better
 - Broken 2 x 10s were repaired
 - Footings improved and stakes were put in to prevent sections of boardwalk from moving in higher water
 - Dead trees blocking the stream flow were also removed

We will have a Fall workday on Saturday, November 10th, at 10:00 AM —location to be determined.

Wendy is working to submit DPW forms, to get their assistance with redoing certain parking areas

Next meeting – November 27th

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM