

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 25, 2017

Present: Wendy Sisson, Jim Burns, Jim Adelson, Sydney Blackwell, Bill Blackwell, Pam Durrant, Brian McClain

Not Present: John Lee, Phil Knoettner, Jo Ward, Bob Benson

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

Minutes from the previous meeting (3/21/17), as prepared by Jim Adelson, were approved

Vernal Pool Spring Walk (4/9/17)

- About 35 people came
- All felt it had been excellent
- Matt Varrell did a great job leading it
- Perhaps for some walk in the future we could have Matt lead and talk on wetlands

“Amphibians Crossing” Signs

- Brian McClain had put them up
- Material had been brittle, and cracked
- Brian is going to try gluing them onto plywood backings

4/22 Work Effort

- Organized and led by Jim B, with John Lee assisting
- Removed a tree on the blue loop of the Town Forest trail
- Also took care of a double down tree on Tripp

The on-line Trail Status Log was useful for maintenance; Jim B and Brian have put entries in the log

We will encourage trail monitors to do non-chain saw cleaning on their trails – “tidy up”

Wendy had sent out a document on Trail Maintenance procedures just before the meeting

Wendy displayed various trail maintenance items that she had brought

- Signs
- Yellow trail markers
- Appropriate aluminum nails
- These items are currently stored in Jim Burns’ garage; Jim is looking for an additional location for easier access

Tick Talk

- To be given 5/2, in the Bromfield High School library
- The talk is sponsored by the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission

“Pollinators”

- The field at Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is our premier pollinator field currently
- Wendy is looking to seed a field in Powell-Reed-Abbot

- Wendy showed a UNH document on Bee Nest Box guidelines

Jim and Wendy to do a trial/demo deer exclosure

Invasives Training

- Perhaps some evening, or mid-day works for some
- Wendy suggested a Prospect Hill Walk, going behind the playing fields on Depot Road and up to Dean's Hill
- We have to think about what removal techniques to promote

Next meeting – Tuesday, May 30th

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM