

Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2009
Acton Town Hall

Present: Nan Towle Millett, Bettina Abe, Jim Snyder-Grant, Bob Guba, Tom Tidman, Ann Shubert (minute taker)

Meeting Minutes: The March and April minutes were approved.

Charter Review: A good part of the meeting was devoted to a review of the LSCOM charter. The Committee has never had a charter before. One point discussed was the idea of having full members and associate members in order to more easily have a quorum when needed. The full members would be those who regularly attend meetings whereas the associate members would be those who attend meetings sporadically. Tom suggested that Jim go over the charter with Janet Adachi. The charter should be kept to one page. The next step would be to send the modified version to Terry Maitland and then to the Conservation Committee, the Town Manager, and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Contact: Peter Berry is our new Selectman contact person.

Pratt's Brook: Charlie Carlson is back and available to work at Pratt's Brook. Bettina and Charlie can work out the best work arrangement at Pratt's.

Eagle Scout: Brian Chen is in charge of the Eagle Scout project at Nagog. This will probably be a boardwalk over the water area near the golf course.

Senior Service Day Reports: Ann and her husband directed seniors in cleaning up the burn piles and other brush on the trail at the Grassy Pond field. The kids also distributed chips on the Nagog Pond trail and at the Newtown Road entrance trail at Grassy Pond.

Arboretum Boardwalk: Rich, Bettina, and Laurie repaired the Arboretum boardwalk under Bob's direction.

Canoe Launch Knotweed: Bettina and Nan will experiment with using vinegar and/or gin over the cut stems of the knotweed. Bettina thinks that more tarps are needed to cover the weed. Bob has an old pool cover that could be used for the project.

Wheeler Lane: Linda plans to have Bob and Phil check on the location of the handicap access. Jim has been picking garlic mustard there.

Heath Hen Meadow: Bob said that some girl scouts dug out and buried ashes from the burned wood at HHM. This should also be done at the Grassy Pond meadow.

Meadow Biodiversity: Jim asked Lee Curtis, a biologist/volunteer, to think about biodiversity for our meadows.

Town Forest Blockage: Bob said one boulder should be removed where the yellow trail crosses the pedestrian way through the Town Forest.

Town List: There is no money for parking lot improvements now. However, Bettina will make up a list of which parking lots need improvements. She will also put up a 'Not a Through Trail' sign at Great Hill where a trail passes over private property.

Mowing: Bob and Jim are doing the mowing. Bob mowed the GP field trails and both access trails at Wetherbee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.