

Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2008
Acton Town Hall

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

Meeting Minutes: The September minutes were approved.

Camp Acton Kiosk: Bob and Rich measured for new legs for the CA kiosk. Rich will need some people to help install the kiosk. Phil took care of blowdowns at CA.

Canoe Launch: The knotweed at the CL has to be kept down. Nan said that one way to achieve this is to cut off the stalks, pour white vinegar down the cut, and the plant will eventually die.

Land Protection Updates: On the Carlisle-Acton border, the Valentines will give permission for a trail through their property to connect with the rail trail/Bay circuit trail. There will be another access at Robbins Brook.

Guggins: Jim put rabbit fencing around the beaver deceiver pipe and it seems to have deterred them.

Jenks: There is a beaver dam upstream from the culverts in the swamp.

Blowdown System: When the cutting of a blowdown is completed, the land steward of that property should be notified.

Great Hill: From the School Street entrance, one can enter GH through the woods. The private land owner who has some land at the entrance does not want people going over her land in order to get on the GH parcel.

Stewards: Paul Wasserbohr is back in action and in good shape now. Jim suggested that he watch over the Wetherbee parcel.

EMS: EMS is having a Club Day on Friday. If people come into the store and want the sale price they must belong to a club. This can be achieved by buying one of the Conservation Land booklets.

Mowing: The field at Nagog behind the Young's home needs mowing. This can be done by using the field mower. Jim can operate it.

Jenks Field: The Jenks field is the main problem field. It was mowed where it should not have been mowed.

Grassy Pond: The GP field has been mowed, but it needs cutting all along the wall.

Stoneymeade: The Stoneymeade field has been cut.

McConan Field: Jim will ask Wick to mow the field behind the McConan farm.

Jenks Parking Lot: The Jenks parking lot needs to be enlarged.

Jr.High Day: People were happy with the work done by the junior high students. More could have been accomplished if they brought more backpacks.

Wheeler Lane: Stones are to be set in the floor of the Wheeler Lane cellar hole. Linda would like one more Wheeler Lane Farm workday. Someone with a chain saw is especially needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.