

Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2009
Acton Town Hall

Present: Jim Snyder-Grant, Bob Guba, Rich Rhode, Peggy Liversidge, Nan Towle Millett, Philip Keyes, Joan Cirillo, Ann Shubert (minute taker)

June minutes: There were a few changes to the June minutes. At Quail Ridge the trail easement is registered with Middlesex County Deeds. It was also decided to include in the minutes the last names of any people mentioned at the meeting who are not present. The minutes were then approved.

Parcels: The grass is very high at Stoneymeade as it has not been mowed. The farm used to do this task.

There was a discussion about possibly asking for a scout troop contribution such as adopting a conservation area and keeping it mowed throughout the growing season. Mowing problems do need to be addressed. Bob will make a chart showing what mowing he does/needs doing. Stoneymeade needs a heavy mower because the grass is so high.

At Jenks the rose bush spurs need cutting back before Bob mows there.

There is still dumping at Capt. Handley Road. Bob will send the details to Tom so that a letter can be written.

The Grassy Pond field still is in need of repair from the damage caused by the town when they used a backhoe to manage and extinguish the burning of the brush piles last winter. Nan will speak to Tom about this.

At Wetherbee Bob has been maintaining the red access trail from Wetherbee Street adjacent to the field the state leases. Tom will speak to the state person in charge of that area to see if they will keep the red access trail maintained.

Possibly Tom could also ask John Chalmers if he would cut off the lower branches on some of the trees at Wetherbee in order to make the mowing job easier.

The autumn olive needs clipping off in Wetherbee meadow.

Bob erased the blazes and eradicated the bogus trail at the Town Forest.

Peggy and Bettina reblazed from the Willis Holden trail down to the pond at Grassy Pond Conservation area.

The new blue trail at the Town Forest needs blazing.

Peggy said that Jay Lane access trail at Spring Hill has been reblazed.

Peggy has also been working at Guggins.

Philip's photos: Five of Philip's photos presently on exhibit at the Library have been purchased by the Town and will hang in the Town Hall permanently.

Kiosk notices: Andrea is out of town. The Recreation Department has a laminating machine. Tom can have this task performed. Jim will investigate the options.

Pacy: Routine trail maintenance may now be performed at Pacy. Jim and Tom are working on this.

Eagle Scout projects: Bob met with Brian Chen, who is going to build a boardwalk in a wet section of Nagog Hill Conservation area. Forty feet of boardwalk are needed (near the golf course). Bob gave Brian the design instructions and took him out to show him how to put it together. His project is ideal because he saw the need for the boardwalk and came up with the idea for the project himself. Philip said that the Conservation Committee will need to be consulted because there is a vernal pool nearby and so their approval is needed. Bob told Brian to check with the country club about borrowing a golf cart for hauling in wood, etc.

An Eagle Scout is making a kiosk for the North Acton garden plots.
Another Eagle Scout planted some fruit trees at the Morrison Farm.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.