

Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2008
Acton Town Hall

Present: Jim Snyder-Grant (chair), Bob Guba, Bettina Abe, Peggy Liversidge, Rich Rhodes, Joan Cirillo, Laurie Ullmann, Tom Tidman, Ann Shubert (minute taker)

Meeting Minutes: The May minutes were approved.

Logistics: There will be meetings in July and August. There will be a social event combined with the July meeting. It will be held at the community center at Half Moon.

Stewards: Allison Gallagher is a member of the Recreation Committee. She retires from that committee this June. Bettina will call her and see if she would be interested in being on the LSCom. If so Bettina will walk with her on one of the parcels. Other committee members are invited on this walk.

Volunteers: Jim has set Saturday, July 12, as a work day at Guggins. Tom, Bob, and Jim walked around Guggins and Bob commented that that parcel is in the worst shape of any. It is very grown in so clippers and loppers will be needed on the work day.

Invasives: Jim said he would finish the garlic mustard removal by Sunday.

Hats: Bettina ordered 24 LSCom hats through Tom and Andrea.

Nashoba Parking Lot: Tom will get the hole fixed at the Nashoba parking lot.

Nagog: There are concerns with the McConnons use of the conservation fields adjoining their property. They leased the fields from the Town. The vegetation is stripped bare from part of the leased land as there are too many horses using it. Tom pointed out that they do provide a service by giving riding lessons to needy children. Bob is concerned with how they treat the property.

Canoe Launch Mowing: It is hoped that Tom's men could mow the canoe launch area. However, that area is quite a way from the other areas of operation and the work crew is not large. Tom will ask Shawn if it would be possible for his crew to do the job.

Jenks Boundary: Cory will be in touch with Tom regarding this.

Plan for Mowing: Bob brought up the fact that he has been mowing five parcels and a plan needs to be put in place to reduce/get rid of his load. A lawn mower that can operate over rough ground is needed for the job. It would be good to investigate and find out how other towns handle this type of maintenance. Laurie suggested that possibly people could adopt a parcel and take care of it. This subject will be discussed at future meetings.

Springhill Boardwalk: The Springhill boardwalk has some damage, some of it because a tree fell on it. At a future meeting when Phil is present we can discuss how to approach prioritizing and planning any possible repair. The boardwalk is very far from any truck access.

Arrows: Call Bettina if you want her to make an arrow for you.

Stone Chamber Trail: Small logs were put on each side of the new trail around the Stone Chamber. The logs on the downhill side of the trail do not allow for good drainage. Bob directed Jim to remove those logs.

Wetherbee: Bob and Jim removed a stone structure that someone put there.

Rules and Regs: Joan will copy the rules and regs. She will then send them off to the Municipal Quarterly people so they can be printed as a reminder to people.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.