

Land Stewardship Committee  
Jan 6, 2014  
Approved Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order: 7:00pm by Chairman Bill Johnson

Members present: M. Brown, K. Clark, G. Goss, P. Mei, D. Segal, B. Johnson, H. Allore

Excused: D. Bell

Alternate present: A. Greenleaf

Alternate absent:

Staff: Kevin Magee, Environmental Planner  
Michelle C. Nazario, recording secretary

#### Administrative

1. Approval of Agenda: H. Allore motion to approve, K.Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous
2. Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2013: K. Clark motion to approve, M. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous

Public: Claire Cane, Trail Stewardship Director from Ct Forest and Parks went over Kiosk for trails and maps. Showed examples of the kiosk and maps to what it will look like. Explained different ideas and noted that in the legend on the map and other wording can be changed. Marking of the trails on the map will be detailed and be visibly noted. H. Allore stated that she redid the trails from old to new and the new map will reflect that. Claire indicated that they would print the maps in two different sizes with smaller maps being placed at internal trail connections and minor trail entrances.

#### 4. Chair Person Report

- a. Membership changes: noted in 2 new members- H. Allore made motion for George Goss as a voting member and Amy Greenleaf as an Alternate member. Paul Mei 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Bill Johnson voted that there are alternate vacancy slots.
- b. Calendar for 2014 meeting dates – H. Allore made motion to accept and P. Mei 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- c. Accomplishments for 2013 –
  1. Signage and kiosk installation for trailheads are complete
  2. Storms Irene and Sandy clean up is complete
  3. East River Preserve trail blazing has started
  4. Fence at Bluff Head
  5. Timberland trails re-blazing and mapping started
  6. Trail bridges replaced
  7. Braemore meadow cutting – rear part
- d. Review of goals for remaining of year
  - Expansion of parking for Sullivan Dr
  - Kiosk signage
  - re-blazing of trails/publish maps for Timberland and East River Preserve
  - New edition of Northwoods Trail Map
  - Participation in 375<sup>th</sup> celebration

Braemore Meadow – cutting front part and acquire species inventory and interpretive data

e. Budget submission 2014-2015

Bill Johnson indicated that he requested an \$850 budget from the Conservation Commission to cover the cost of trail maintenance supplies, Braemore moving, printing trail maps and printing and postage. The budget request recommends that the Conservation Commission look into forestry services for Northwood, Braemore/ Megerhuber/James Valley, and update Timberland Forest Management Plan.

Questioned how much money is left in budget and what needs to be approved. Kevin Magee indicated that big ticket items need to be requested by October and that there is money to have approximately 500 maps to be printed.

5. GCC Liaison – M. Brown had no report since Conservation Commission has not meet since November.

Kevin Magee indicated that he will be meeting with Ted Manovich of the land trust to go over trail maps. Kevin indicated that trail steward window car signs were made and handed out to the members.

B. Stewardship Items

1. Properties

- a. Timberlands – scheduled work party for March 8 and March 22 for 9:00 a.m.volunteers to meet at the Lakeside Drive dam. H. Allore noted that there is a branch down across the blue trail which needs to be cut up.
  1. with a new map being prepared, Bill Johnson asked that the committee members review the new Timberlands Map and get back to him with changes by January 20, 2014
  2. Discussion was held regarding the markings of the cross over trails.
- b. Braemore Preserve – behind in maintenance need volunteers – K. Clark suggested a letter of thanks to be sent out to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station thanking them for the use of their brush hog. Bill Johnson will provide a letter.
- c. James Valley Preserve – no update
- d. Meyerhuber Preserve – no update
- e. Northwoods trail map revision project – map is in revision
- f. East River Preserve – need maintenance – no bridges done, P. Mei to meet with Mr. Marlow. Spoke about the possibility of a parking area and gate on Sullivan Drive and where funds would come out of for it to be paid. K.Magee and M. Brown liaisons for the Conservation Committee will bring up at next conservation meeting.

Also Kevin Magee talked with AnnaMarie Pyle and she has blazed most of the white trail and will be blazing the red trail once it warms up. Kevin Magee also indicated that there is a tree down in the East River and he will contact Public Works.

C. Other Business

1. H. Allore to update contact list of members and alternates.

2. Guilford 375<sup>th</sup> trail events

P. Mei to layout itinerary of schedule for the signature trail events. There will be scheduled guided hikes for June 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. A unveiling of the mural to be painted on the Sullivan Drive Bridge, Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and the inauguration of the New England Trail at Chittenden Park on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>.

3. Materials and supplies – no report

4. Volunteer Recruitment – David Corsak – unable to attend this meeting but would like to volunteer. B. Johnson suggested a possibility of a scout to help with maintenance.

Training – is offered February 1<sup>st</sup> from 9-3 in Rockfall, Ct and then again Spring/Summer time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle C. Nazario

The next meeting of the LSC will be **Monday, March 3, 2014**