

Guilford Conservation Commission
Land Stewardship Committee
Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 2, 2015, 7:00 PM
Community Center, Alexander Lounge

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Doug Clark

Members present: Heather Allore (secretary), Doug Clark (chairperson), George Goss, Paul Mei and Phil Regas

Excused: David Bell

Alternate present:

Alternate absent: Rob Musterer

Staff Present: Kevin Magee - Staff

Michelle C. Nazario, recording secretary

2. Approval of Agenda

D. Clark made motion to approve agenda and seconded by H. Allore it was unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2015

Approval of Minutes: Chairman D. Clark made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 14, 2015 and seconded by H. Allore and it was unanimously approved.

Public Forum None

4. Chairperson's Report

- a. Recent work parties –

- a.i. Braemore, 10/17: Doug Clark, Robin Baslaw, Susan Smith - On 10-17-15 a work party took place at Braemore. The perimeter was walked and cleaned up as well as the boardwalk. A suggestion was made to put up trail markers at Rockland preserve. There is one branch that is snagged that is hanging over trail that needs to be cleared out.

- a.ii. Timberlands, 10/30: Doug Clark, Phil Regas - Phil Regas cleared out trees blocking trails and cleaned up loose branches on the purple trail. The most of the clearing was on the blue triangle trail. The white trail was blocked off, but more blazing needs to be done.

Lynn Saiers stated that there is branches hanging on the white trail pass the Bluffs. It was stated that part of the trail is the Land Trust property.

- b. Proposed meeting dates for 2016 (first Monday, every other month), except when first Monday is a holiday (e.g., July 4, September 5)

b.i. D. Clark proposed meeting dates for 2016: January 4, March 7, May 2, July 11, September 12 & November 7th.

- c. Priority tasks review (see p. 2)

6. Environmental Planner's Report

- a. Budget- K. Magee stated that the budget is in the 4th month and is preparing for next year's budget which includes some big ticket items to be purchased like the utilities tractor with the bucket.
- b. Land Stewards – K. Magee updated the committee that the Land Steward position is opened, the past Land Steward left, it was not what he was looking for.
- c. Storage of tools & materials – K. Magee told the committee that the tools and materials are stored at the old public works. If materials are needed to contact him so he can have them available for pick up.
- d. Tools & materials to be purchased – a brush cutter, chain saw and standard weed wacker are to be purchase in the near future. K. Magee is doing some research if the harness is good.
- e. LSC mission statement/job description – K. Magee stated that the conservation commission did not have time to review it at their last meeting.
- f. Other

7. GCC & CFPA Liaison Reports – P. Mei was unable to attend the conservation commission meeting due to a storm and tree down blocking the road for him to get out.

CFPA: He did state that there is not much to update with trails. The maps will be at the new kiosk at the community center. The New England Trail and the Lone Pine Trail are the area of most concern. CFPA is also preparing for a book release, it will be one volume.

CFPA is also working on a design for the downtown area maps, but will not be involving the Land Steward commission.

P. Mei stated that signs regarding any and all vandalism needs to be posted as well as reported to the police. The sign should be posted in all parking areas.

P. Mei also stated that the rules and regulations should be posted as well.

8. Trail reports

- a. Braemore- proposed work parties- weather permitting November 14 will be a work party and to meet on the Gold Trail at 9:00 a.m., they will be closing off this trail. They will meet at the Crooked Hill Rd entrance. A number of items are need for the work party. Stencils, wire brushes, paint brushes, etc.P. Mei also stated that the perimeter of the Red Trail, Lone Pine trails and the Bridle Trail change from rectangle to triangle.
- b. Timberlands
- c. East River Preserve

9. Other Business: news, events, suggestions, new agenda items, etc.

G. Goss would like to lead a walk on the Land Trust and town property property and would like to know what permission is required.

K. Magee stated that the conservation commission needs a date and where the walk will be taking place.

H. Allore spoke about a habitat sign to be posted for protection of critical habitat. She brought up a picture of the style that possibly can be purchased and posted.

H. Allore made motion to have the unauthorized trails at the East River Preserve, one off of Bearhouse Hill Road and the second trail accessing the river blocked off. G. Goss seconded and was unanimously voted to approve.

D. Clark commented that this should be on the high priority list to be done and hopefully before the ground freezes.

P. Mei – James Valley – P. Mei asked if signs can be posted at the boundary line with the land trust.

10. Adjournment

Adjournment: Then, with no further business before it, upon a motion by Chairman D. Clark and seconded by P. Mei it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle C. Nazario

The next meeting of the LSC will be Monday, January 4 , 2016