

Guilford Conservation Commission  
Land Stewardship Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 7:00 PM  
Community Center, Leete Room

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman Doug Clark

Member Present: Dave Bell, Doug Clark (chairperson), Paul Mei, Phil Regas, Rob Musterer, Phil Regas & Lynn Saiers  
Excused: Heather Allore (secretary), George Goss  
Alternates present: Rob Musterer, Sally Whiteman  
Alternate absent: Lynn Saiers  
Staff: Kevin Magee, Michelle Nazario

2. Approval of Agenda

P. Regas made motion to approve agenda that was seconded by D. Bell. It was unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of minutes January 4, 2016

Approval of Minutes: D. Bell made a motion to approve meeting minutes from January 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by P. Mei and was unanimously approved once updates have been correct.

4. Public Forum

- a. Guest from Madison, Durham regarding consistent trail blazing and Regional Trail Map  
David Anderson, Town of Madison – Town Planner, Joseph Oslander and Jason Engelhardt members of the Rockland Preserve Advisory Committee attended the meeting. They explained to the committee that Madison’s Rockland Preserve Trails connect into Durham on land managed by the Middlesex Conservation Trust and by the Town of Durham. The trails also connect to the Guilfords’ Braemore Preserve. They would like to include Braemore Preserve, which is adjacent to their trails on to a regional map. David Anderson would like to get the word out that some of the trails are connected and that they would like to see people out on them. Rob Musterer suggested adding the map to our website. Joe Oslander is working on a new updated map to be posted with information from the older maps and also to have teaching tools for the kids promoting the trails.

Doug Clark asked about the biking trails.  
Jason Engelhardt stated that the trails are marked clearly on the map which are biking trails and which are hiking trails.

Paul Mei stated that 11% of the National New England Trail is in Guilford. CFPA would need to be consulted on maintaining the trails; they do not own the property that the trails are on. Claire Cain would be the contact person to consult, but the Conservation Committee would make the final decision.

Paul Mei also asked about the private land owners and if they were consulted, where would the kiosks be placed.

Kevin Magee has concerns about the bike trails, coloring of trails and the right usage for the right trail. Is there any intent on creating or building bike trails in Guilford and how will the rules for each property be posted?

Jason Engelhardt stated there could be overlapping trails with the bikers and hikers, but a discussion would clarify what trails would be bike trails, but that isn't his intent to have more bike trails.

A few items need to be brought up to the Conservation Commission which include the parking lot at Crooked Hill big enough for additional parking and the trails are marked accordingly to prevent bikers

A motion made by David Bell to recommend to the Conservation Commission that the regional map concept be approved with the condition that the Crooked Hill Bridle Trail be clearly marked trails for mountain biking and hiking trails will be restricted to bikes. It was seconded by Phil Regas and unanimously approved.

## 5. Chairperson's Report

- a. Meeting with Guilford Conservation Commission, February 24, 2016
  - a.i. Support & affirmation for our work
  - a.ii. Volunteer recruitment at upcoming events
  - a.iii. Deer tick research project proposal

Phill Regas explained the proposed deer tick research project that the agricultural experimentation center will likely be conducting a tick control research program in which insecticides is rubbed to the deer at feeding stations.

- b. CFPA Winter Trails Workshop, February 27, 2016
  - b.i. Trail monitoring; report forms
  - b.ii. Mountain laurel: can be cut along trail corridors
  - b.iii. Trail blazing the CFPA way
  - bi.iv. Safety glasses: Z87.1 GSHA complaint should be worn by all trail workers
  - b.v. Checklist for new volunteers for work parties

Doug Clark, Phil Regas and Sally Whiteman attended the workshop in February. It wasn't hands on, but the workshop scheduled in Spring should be.

A form from CFPA was given out to use for the trails and what needs to be done. It would be helpful to use this form to identifying the issues on the trails to be fixed  
Dates for the upcoming work party will be posted.

6. Environmental Planner's Report

K. Magee

a. Budget - Kevin Magee stated that the Budget is awaiting approval.

b. Land Stewards

The land Stewards are working on 2 large kiosks and 1 kiosk for a tree. There has been some activity with ATV's on the Braemore Preserve and Meyerhuber Preserve and the gate was opened at the Crooked Hill Road entrance to Braemore Preserves. It is now chained around a tree and secured. A possible gate with post might be put in. Temporary markings on BearHouse Road have been installed and additional blazes with paint. Will be performed in the Spring

7. GCC & CFPA Liaison Reports

P. Mei

Paul Mei updated the committee about National Trails Day on June 4 and June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Doug Clark indicated that he would be interested in leading a hike at the Timberland Trail

8. Trail/section reports

- a. Braemore
- b. Timberlands
- c. East River Preserve

Doug Clark stated that the sections of the trails assigned to the trail leaders should be cleaned up.

9. Scheduling work parties –

Kevin Magee said one Saturday a month the Land Stewards can be available to assist.

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 will be a work party and will meet at the Timberland Twin Bridge Road Entrance.

10. Other Business: news, events, suggestions, new agenda items, etc. – No report

11. Adjournment

Adjournment: Then, with no further business before it, upon a motion Dave Bell and seconded by P. Regas which was unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle C. Nazario

**The next meeting of the LSC will be Monday, May 2, 2016**