

Land Stewardship Committee
May 4, 2015
Draft Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Interim Chairman Doug Clark.

Members present: George Goss, Paul Mei, Heather Allore and David Bell

Excused:

Alternate present:

Alternate absent:

Staff Present:

Michelle C. Nazario, recording secretary

1. Call to Order – Interim Chairman Doug Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda: H. Allore made motion to amend agenda to include Special Meeting minutes from 4/28/15 and seconded by P. Mei, it was unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 2015

Approval of Minutes: D. Clark made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 2, 2015 once spelling of Phil Regas name was corrected and seconded by H. Allore and it was unanimously approved once amended.

4. Public Forum –

Phil Regas has come out to help with the clearing of trails. He was involved in the past with trails in Colorado. He would like to be part of the commission.

Lynn Saiers has been a Guilford residence for approx. 10 years and enjoys the trails and would like to be on the commission as well but as a alternate.

Don Segal is no longer on the commission as well as Amy Greenleaf.

H. Allore made motion to nominate both Phil Regas and Lynn Saiers as part of the Land Stewart Commission. This will leave 2 alternate spaces opened and P. Mei seconded, all in favor.

5. Interim Chairperson's Report (Doug)
 - a. Meeting Dates 2015: 7/6, 9/14, 11/2
 - b. Membership status – D. Clark will be in touch with volunteers to update list.

- c. Priority tasks - G. Goss stated that there is a tree down on East Side of Sullivan and Bear House that needs to be taken care of.
H. Allore stated that a lot of work needs to be done on Braemore. She has noticed ATV track usage. She has suggested some big boulders to be placed on the trail to deture them from riding on the trails.
D. Bell inquired about the gold trail

Doug Clark asked if signs are posted for no ATV usage. A metal sign is still posted, but from which way. The good thing is that there are no new trails made by the ATV's. The commission would like to re-route part of the bridle route on the Braemore Trail. H. Allore asked if the Public Works Dept would be able to put big rocks instead of a dirt hill to cut off the ATV traffic. P. Mei stated that it also needs to be reported to the police so they can check up on it.

6. Materials & supplies

- a. Items recently purchased: hazel hoe & plastic blazes are in Kevin's office – D. Clark reported that the hazel hoe and plastic blazers are in and can be picked up if anyone would like to. These items will be needed to help clean up the trails.
- b. Items needed? G. Goss suggested a harness for the brush cutter that should be purchased and planks to be purchased for stream crossings. P. Mei stated as long as it is not touching wet ground and the planks are not pressure treated it should be fine from the wetlands. There are approximately up to 4 crossing with out going obtaining approval from wetlands out of 20.
Phil Regas suggested that cones or t-pees should be purchased to put out on the trails when they are cleaning them with equipment up so the walkers are aware and can use alternate routes. It was suggested that K. Magee check into the t-pees and or cones to be purchased. Also to purchase a log lever.

7. Environmental Planner's Report (Kevin)

- a. Budget: we have approximately \$1,000 left in this year's budget. Most of this money may be needed to get supplies for the land Stewards. The budget passed for 2015-2016 FY and the Conservation Commission has \$5,000 allocated for land stewardship. If the LSC has any projects for this time period the cost of these projects should be presented to the Commission.
 - b. The Land Stewards applications have been published and applications are due back May 14th.
 - c. The Conservation Commission is reviewing a request for a proposal trail on the William Dudley Preserve and conducted a site walk on Saturday. Discussion regarding the request will be heard at the next Commission meeting.
8. GCC Liaison Report (Paul)
9. Action plans / work parties
- a. Work completed in March and April
 - b. Misc. tasks
 - c. Timberland - H. Allore said the southwest side of Timberland has some trees down and they are re-routing the trail. H. Allore stated to re-route of white trail will go up to an old logging trail and cross to blue trail to connect which is top of lot.
 - d. Northwoods (Braemore / Meyer Huber / James Valley) D. Clark would like to concentrate on Braemore. H. Allore scheduled work parties for 5/16, 5/30, 6/13 & 6/27 from 9-12 and location to be determined. The trails need to be reblazed, part of the boardwalk to be updated and clipping back of bushes to be done.

H. Allore reported that Conservation is considering proposing a new map for Braemore. CFPA to help with blazing of trails and possibly to split costs. Ask Conservation Committee to put out for bid for creating maps if they are not interested.

P. Mei asked if CFPA will be updating the blue trail book.
 - e. East River Preserve

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

- a. Plan social event for LSC members and volunteers? D. Clark would like to have some identification for the Land Stewardship Committee to let the residence know who they are being a T-shirt and parking sign to put in car. Also to coordinate a appreciation party for the workers to co inside with agenda item b.
- b. Gift/recognition for Bill Johnson? D. Clark would like to have a party after a work party in July and have Bill Johnson attend to say thank you for his time served as chairman.
- c. Best practices for poison ivy control?
Heather Allore stated that the upper part of Guilford Lake has poison ivy and has been treated. The Town of Guilford has purchased broad leaf spray. If spray for 3 years continuously sprayed it should go away.

11. Adjournment

Adjournment: Then, with no further business before it, upon a motion by Paul Mei and seconded by Dave Bell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle C. Nazario

The next meeting of the LSC will be **Monday, July 6, 2015**