

Land Stewardship Committee  
July 7, 2014  
Draft Meeting minutes

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

Members present: B. Johnson, D. Bell, G. Goss, P. Mei

Excused: D. Segal, H. Allore, K. Clark

Alternate present: D. Clark

Alternate absent: A. Greenleaf

Staff: Kevin Magee, Environmental Planner

Michelle C. Nazario, recording secretary

A. Administrative

1. Approval of Agenda: B. Johnson made motion to approve agenda and D. Bell seconded, it was unanimously voted.

2. Membership changes:

- a. B. Johnson made motion to welcome new member Douglas Clark to the Land Stewardship Committee. It was unanimously approved.
- b. B. Johnson acknowledged the departure of K. Clark from the Land Stewardship Committee. He was one of the original members of the committee that started in 2001 and we are grateful for his service. K. Clark will also remain on the volunteer list.

B. Johnson made a motion to move A. Greenleaf out of the alternate position to a member position and this will leave now 2 alternate vacancies. The motion was seconded by D. Bell and was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes: B. Johnson made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 5, 2014 with modifications and seconded by G. Goss, it was unanimously approved

4. Public: nothing to report

5. Chair Person Report – B. Johnson had no report

6. Guilford Conservation Commission Liaison Report – M. Brown reported that the conservation commission would like to have formal recognition of the Land Stewardship Committee and commission is willing to fund some of the recognition

7. Budget, materials & supplies – B. Johnson reported that the committee is now working with 2014-2015 budget with the amount of \$3,000.00. K. Magee reported that there is some money for the Timberland Maps. K. Magee received a quote for Braemore for approximately \$900.00 for mowing the field, but is waiting for two more quotes to come

in. G. Goss asked if Chestnut Orchard is a budget item for consideration or are they responsible for paying some of the expenses. K. Magee stated that they are scheduled to mow Braemore Preserve and East River Preserve mid August. There is some nesting of species in the fields B. Johnson indicated that rebar will be useful at Timberland as well as other areas on trails. Tool fuel is needed for gas power equipment like saws, is since gasoline goes bad. Braemore has some boardwalk areas that are slippery and asphalt strips were recommended. P. Mei and D. Bell came up with cheese cloth and wiring. K. Magee to get more information on rebar products and sizes for next meeting.

8. Volunteers update – 2 new contacts are to be added: John Altherton and Cindy Cozone with their information to follow and what properties they are interested in. P. Mei stated that there should be some CFPA training in the fall, but nothing is scheduled as of yet. P. Mei asked if anyone is interested in receiving training on chainsaw safety and or trail construction. P. Mei will contact Claire Caines at CFPA if anyone is interested. It was asked if a work party can be set up at one of the bigger trail sights and have Claire Caines/CFPA run them. B. Johnson to put information together and send out. K. Magee to check on publication of trail map for the Town of Guilford web site.

9. Properties:

a. Timberland – B. Johnson and D. Bell to go over Orange trail. There are steep slopes to be worked on which may require the installation of steps or installation of some sort of cable railing. P. Mei suggested that log steps and stone will last longer. Another suggestion is to bring in be pre-assembled pieces. B. Johnson to plan walk for Sat 7/26 at 8:00 am and meet at Maupas Road – Orange Trail. Suggested a work party for August asked volunteers to clean up trails and to clip back brush on edged trail an plan on installing boardwalk on red dot trail in September.

b. Braemore- B. Johnson to meet with A. Greenleaf to review and go on red trail and to assess to what needs to be done along with the boardwalk The yellow trail needs special care and the bridal trail needs some clipping. B. Johnson is questioning if the gold trail can be truly abandon along with the bridal trail. It should be a high priority for this fall for Braemore to be blazed. Can CFPA work party be scheduled for erosion control. K. Magee to update Braemore map over this winter. The meadow will be cut mid August. Also need to check trails for ATV activity. K. Magee states that the police are aware.

c. James Valley – P. Mei reported that the kiosk was heavily damaged. K. Magee suggested plexi glass – it needs to have a new map and repainted and a replacement of the kiosk. There could be a possibility that the land trust of stewardship group might be able to pay and do up keep. P. Mei to ask CFPA to lead work party for site. P. Mei can do boundary property markers as long as he knows where the lines are.

d. Meyer Huber – Request made he add Meyer Huber trails to Braemore Trail Map.

e. Northwoods trail map revision project-K. Magee to check with Ted Mankowitz regarding the Land Trust Project of verifying trail locations on land trust properties

f. East River Preserve-K. Magee stated that there are 2 new kiosks for E. River Preserve one for Sullivan Dr and one for Clapboard Hill Road. P. Mei wanted to mention that the illegal graffiti is gone and 3 beautiful murals depicting past, present and future scenes where painted at E. River Preserve at the Sullivan site. They where done by Guilford High School students. Looking into a second gate at Sullivan Drive and will have them open when the ranger is there along with the Nut Plains Park. K. Magee stated that the white trail is done being marked and painted and the red trail is almost complete. G. Goss stated that there is a white oak down on Bear House. K. Magee suggested Public works look at it.

Other Business: news, suggestions, new addenda items, etc – K. Magee passed out copied of Town Code of Ethics far the members to review along with acknowledgement form to be handed back.

Adjournment: Then, with no further business before it, upon a motion by B. Johnson and seconded by P. Mei it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle C. Nazario

The next meeting of the LSC will be **Monday, September 8, 2014**