

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 22, 2019

Present: Wendy Sisson, Jim Adelson, Brian McClain

Not Present: Sydney Blackwell, Pam Durrant, Jim Burns

Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. at the Hildreth House

Minutes from 7/23/19 and 9/24/19 meetings, as drafted by Jim A. and edited by Wendy, were approved

Fall Walk

- Site – Hermann Orchards, accessed (including parking) with permission from owner Sean McLaughlin
- Date – November 10th at 1:00 PM
- Publicity
 - o Draft a flyer – Wendy, with map provided by Jim A
 - o Put up the flyer at Library, General, and Post Office – Jim A
 - o Inform Harvard Press – Sydney
 - o Nextdoor Harvard – Brian
- Wendy and Brian had done some clearing on Bridle Way 10/20; Wendy planning to do some additional work before the walk

Property Reports

- Great Elms – pretty much clear, with one possible chain saw spot
- Sprague – now clear (clearing done by Marc Sevigny); a structure observed, possibly a Wetu (Native American domed hut) style
- Holy Hill – Wendy was able to get in contact with Middlesex Fence and visit the Dancing Ground site with owner Mike Bohan. He will work on the fence as he has time available
- Bare Hill – Brian reported cleared

Chestnut Restoration Project

- Brian has picked out first-choice site in the field on Powell, off of East Bare Hill Rd
- There is one potential problem with possible wind-blown pollination from a Chinese chestnut on East Bare Hill Rd
- Brian has identified two other possible sites on Clapp-Scorgie
- The intent is to plant up to 100 trees, growing them from nuts in a roughly 100' x 100' area
- LSS gave preliminary permission to proceed, pending full approval from ConCom
- Wendy will get official approval from ConCom; Brian to send more descriptive material to Wendy for communication to ConCom
- Brian expects to mix local chestnuts and southern chestnuts; the southern ones have the greatest diversity, and are therefore expected to be the hardiest

- Wendy will send an e-mail to Powell steward, Jim Lee on the plan, copying Brian

Next meeting – 11/26

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM