

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 26, 2022

Present: Wendy Sisson, Jim Adelson, Peter von Conta, Brian McClain

Guest: Tom Gormley

Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM as a virtual meeting (recorded)

Minutes from the 3/22/22 meeting, as drafted by Jim A, were approved

Trail Reports

- Williams – Wendy reported that she completed work on a bypass, which also went around a fallen tree
- Clapp-Scorgie – Peter reported a couple of trees down, that he will take out eventually; also, there are some down trees in the Clapp Cove area
- Sprague – Brian remounted the kiosk and was able to use the existing post hole; Brian noticed that the map was damp, perhaps because some of the slots on the back were cut in the wrong direction; there was also a little damage to the plexiglass
- Willard – Wendy walked there, and reported that it was fine

Spring Walk

- 55 or more people attended, a LSS record
- We wound up breaking into two shifts
- Matt Varrell did a fantastic job
- HCT blitz contributed a number of people, while there were surprisingly few from Nextdoor Harvard

Amphibian Crossing

- Probably done for now, so signs can come down
- A Blanding's turtle was run over last June; perhaps we can have a specific sign for this endangered turtle

Climate Group Earth Day Events 4/30

- Wendy to man a Conservation Commission/Land Stewardship Subcommittee table
- Brian and Jim Lee to host an event at the Chestnut Grove; to have a self-guided plan; they intend to be present between 11 and 4, with a lunch break from 1 to 2

Prospect Hill APR trail easement

- More than \$1,000,000 will be coming from the Town of Harvard, HCT, and other groups
- CPC money will be voted on at the May 14 Town Meeting

Tripp Land has a trailhead to Eastern Greenway trails, and will have signage – potentially both town and Eastern Greenway signage

Bolton Trail Map Set-up (On-line)

- Someone did all the mapping for the Bolton trails

- Chris Fitzgerald, with Peter Foley from HCT, to put something together for Harvard

Bowers Brook signs – Wendy working with the company to get the sign designed

Spring Workday

- Peter, Tom G, and Brian to go to the Harvard portion of Bowers Springs
- The work will include clean-up, boardwalk replacement, and bridge rebuilding
- It's not expected that all the work will get completed in one day – likely to continue through the year
- Drew Tracy may help

Small Nature Trail

- Robin Carlaw and Bill Calderwood are still planning to do some of the work there, but haven't gotten a chance to do it yet

Possible oak seedling planting for a deer browse experiment

- For a potential location, one suggestion was Harvard Town Forest
- Peter may have some seedlings to contribute, from a semi-shaded area

Reblazing

- Potential effort at Old Mill, for Jim and Peter
- Wendy to work on some at Great Elms

Next meeting – Tuesday, May 31

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM