

HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

MINUTES OF MEETING

**June 20, 2017**

**Present:** Wendy Sisson, Jim Burns, Jim Adelson, Jo Ward, Brian McClain

**Not Present:** John Lee, Phil Knoettner, Sydney Blackwell, Bill Blackwell, Pam Durrant, Bob Benson

Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M. at the Hildreth House

Minutes from the previous meeting (4/25/17), as prepared by Jim Adelson, were approved

Wendy gave Jim Adelson the list of trail monitor assignments; Jim will update the on-line trail status log

“Amphibians Crossing” Signs

- Brian McClain retrieved them
- Material had been brittle, and cracked
- Brian is going to try gluing them onto plywood backings
- Brian will then deliver them to Jim Burns’ barn

Property reports

- Hermann Orchard – Clearing delayed; hope to get done this Fall
- Great Elms – Pam walked and thought the signage was unclear; Wendy will follow up
- Williams – Pam checked, and thought it was in good shape
- Powell-Reed-Abbot – Wendy checked 6/20, and it was OK
- Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary – Brian reported a large tree down, but it may be in Bolton
- Vesenska
  - o Bob Benson wants help clearing, on a Saturday
  - o Also needs some blaze replacement, as a couple of trees with blazes have fallen down
  - o Possible working session July 15<sup>th</sup>; Wendy to ask about parking at Friendly Crossways

Invasives

- Powell-Reed-Abbot – Wendy reported the invasive narrowleaf bittercrest
- Could do a walk at Clapp-Scorgie, to see how invasive treatment has worked out; will organize this for a July mid-week evening

Potential future project to move a section of the trail at Bare Hill, and mow the field; Wendy indicated we should get equipment access from Gail Coolidge’s house

Weed whacker

- Jim Burns asked about a place to try it out to clear/improve a trail entry
- Hoch was suggested; Jim B will try it there

Wendy to work on deer survey worksheets with Pam

Clearing Hermann Orchard entry is another potential project, for a summer or fall workday

Another project for summer – getting the new signs up at places like Hermann Orchard and Mass Ave properties; we need someone who will take over making the signs from Phil Knoettner

Next meeting will be July 18<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM