Land Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting Minutes January 14, 2020 Town Council Chambers – 3:30 PM

The Land Stewardship Subcommittee met in the Town Hall Council Chambers – 8 Newmarket Road Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 3:30 PM.

Public Works Director Mike Lynch chaired the meeting. In attendance were Dennis Meadows, Gail Carey, Ellen Snyder, Vince Dellova, John Carroll, and Admin. Todd Selig.

There were no minutes available to be approved.

After reviewing the agenda, the committee moved on to updates as follows.

Mike Lynch talked generally about a number of items, including a recent site walk including Littlehale Pond.

Land Stewardship Coordinator Ellen Snyder gave an overview concerning work at Stevens Woods (formerly Orchard Drive Woods) on trails and bridges. There was discussion with a couple who directly abut the proposed pedestrian bridge from Faculty Neighborhood to Orchard Drive over the Oyster River. They asked that the Town install a quiet bridge so that pedestrian activity does not create noise issues for them. Aesthetics, placement, materials, color, and privacy issues are all things that will be worked through in due course.

Ms. Snyder also discussed the Merrick Trail Bridge Project Proposal, Other 2020 trail projects, Standardized Trail Maps, Doe Farm kiosk - historical panels, Volunteer Land/Trail Stewards Program (the consensus of the group was to focus on trail stewards as an initial step working toward the idea of developing land stewards), and Public walks and other events for 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Submitted by Todd I. Selig, Administrator