

Land Stewardship Subcommittee April 14, 2022 Meeting Notes

The LSC did not have a quorum in the Town Hall Chambers, and the meeting was held to share information.

In attendance: Ann Welsh, Sally Tobias, Vin Dellova, Mike Everngam, Mike Drooker on Zoom and John Nachilly joined the meeting at 9:10. Also in attendance: Tom Brightman, Todd Selig, and Rich Reine

1. UNH Trails/Closures: Steve Eisenhower from UNH came to the meeting to discuss the UNH trails, the challenges of trail closings, and Durham/UNH trails connections. Due to missing LSC members, Steve did not delve into the details. However, he did describe the cutting of the red pines in College Woods, and that an arboretum of native NH trees will be established at the site.
2. Land Stewardship GIS Opportunities-Steve Lutterman. Steve described the GIS application:
 - Survey 123: conservation easement monitoring by recording and storing maps, photos, and documentation. May be used for trail inspections, trail-user surveys, land monitoring forms, etc.
 - Quick Capture: Support invasive species tracking, trail assets, etc. It was suggested that it be used to locate/map the 50+ local cemeteries.
 - DashBoard: currently used for the DPW Workforce Assignment Overview-a mobile data set. Could be used for monitoring easements also.
 - Public-Facing Portals: Showcase trail systems, conservation lands, outdoor recreation sites. Give the public access to maps; access to trail surveys. Story Maps are shared via this app.
3. Signage options for Spruce Hole Bog-Alix Contosta. Members shared suggestions for changes to the suggested signage. One sign for details regarding the project at the entrance, and another at the research area with explanation. Will include the town land acknowledgement. QR Codes will be added with links to additional information.
4. Property Updates-Tom Brightman. Tom gave updates on the Fogg2 easement fencing and the land use; plans for herbicide at the Doe Farm-and signage at the entrance when dates of application are known; new signs at Stevens Woods and WHF; upcoming volunteer work days-there are many in April and May.
5. Other information:
 - Beaudette bridge and permitting has been delayed, and is back in process. Purchase of the bridge will wait for completion of permitting and purchasing is completed.
 - There was a discussion of working toward a trail system that connects UNH, Durham, and other town trails. John Nachilly will pass along a copy of his GPS-based trail map to Steve Lutterman.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Needell