

“Stewarding Our Lands” LSS Working Group

7/10/23 meeting summary

In attendance: Ann Welsh, Gale Carey, Jim Lawson, Mike Drooker (Zoom)

- 1) We OK'd the third draft of **Jackson's Landing**. Items of note are: Sara and assistants have improved Jackson's trails nicely; trails sign is posted at kiosk; Rachel will get funding for and post sign for entry to Nature Trail next year. We also OK'd third draft of **Thompson Forest** Questionnaire Findings. Both are ready for LSC approval at the Sept meeting.
- 2) We reviewed the first draft of the **Oyster River Greenway** Questionnaire Findings, and added two recommendations. The **Packers Falls** Questionnaire ended its three week run in Friday Updates on July 7, 2023. We discussed the value of having historic signs on town properties, especially having QR codes that link for more detailed information, and engaging both the Heritage Commission and ORHS history teachers in these projects.
- 3) We reviewed the *Property Inventory Spreadsheet as of June 12, 2023*, added two new columns: “Trail Mowing” and “Field Mowing”. We populated these for each property, to the best of our knowledge.
- 4) The Volunteer Trail Stewards network continues to evolve. Sara sent emails to new stewards/volunteers to garner further information about their specific property/task interests and received 15 responses, which Gale compiled into a spreadsheet for Sara's use. Sara also sent emails to current trail stewards asking about their interest in continuing and received 6 responses.

Action Items:

1. Gale will present Questionnaire Findings for **Thompson Forest** and **Jackson's Landing** at the Sept 2023 LSC meeting for comment and approval.
2. Gale will add recommendations to **Oyster River Greenway** Questionnaire Findings.
3. Gale will compile a first draft of findings from the **Packers Falls** Questionnaire, for review at our Working Group Sept meeting.
4. Mike will run the **Wiswall** Questionnaire in *Friday Updates* on July 28, Aug 4 and Aug 11.
5. Jim will research the history of the **Town Landing** and **Jackson's Landing**, and present a draft of historic signs as examples of what could be added to both properties to the LSC at the Sept meeting.
6. Gale will tabulate responses from current trail stewards, and pass along to Sara for next steps.

Next meeting:

Sept 11, 2023, Monday, 10 AM in Town Hall first Floor Conference Room