

“Stewarding Our Lands” LSS Working Group

9/11/23 meeting summary

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

- 1) Now that our *Friday Updates* questionnaires for the town properties we were charged to examine have been completed, we discussed the sunsetting of Survey Monkey and the best way to archive the data. Jim offered to investigate this. We also discussed the use of QR codes for collecting property information. This has IT challenges that need to be investigated; there may be other ways to achieve this goal.
- 2) New item: Oyster River Forest trail signs are down/disappearing and it is unclear if the cause is vandalism or improper mounting.
- 3) The Volunteer Trail Stewards list has been compiled, with between 1 and 3 stewards per property. A trail stewards workshop date will be set for this fall.
- 4) We discussed volunteers vs. DPW clearing limbs from trails; at present only DPW is permitted to do this.
- 5) We discussed the reality that some Durham properties are overseen by one entity (DPW, for example), while others may be overseen by several (DPW, LSC, trustees). This presents challenges for addressing who is responsible when issues arise.

Action Items:

1. Gale will send Jim a link to the Survey Monkey for one of our properties, so he can investigate how best to archive the data.
2. Sara will speak with Craig about ways to collect property information from users in an efficient manner that doesn't involve QR codes.
3. Sara will replace the lost Oyster River Forest signs, reattached them firmly, and monitor for signs of vandalism.
4. Gale will assist Sara in getting the Trail Stewards Network off the ground by drafting an email to be sent to all trail stewards regarding a fall workshop day.
5. Sara is addressing which entities are responsible for which properties in an upcoming meeting with Todd, Ann, Rich and Rachel.
6. Gale will update recommendations to **Oyster River Greenway** Questionnaire Findings (third draft).
7. Gale will add recommendations to the **Packers Falls** Questionnaire Findings (second draft).
8. Gale will add recommendations to the **Wiswall Dam** Questionnaire Finding (second draft).

Next meeting:

Nov. 6, 2023, Monday, 10 AM in Town Hall first Floor Conference Room