

“Stewarding Our Lands” LSS working group

12/11/23 meeting summary

In attendance: Gale Carey, Sara Callaghan, Ann Welsh, and Mike Drooker (via Zoom).

1. Sara agreed that the Property Inventory Spreadsheet is useful – both the first tab (Inventory) and the individual tabs for each property. We discussed ways to improve the usefulness of this document and divided up the workload for review at our January meeting.
2. Given that this Working Group is finishing its work, we discussed ways to archive the data collected, make it available to the public, and move forward. Two suggestions for the future of this group were to (1) retain the Working Group but charge it to prioritize LSC tasks, and (2) dissolve the Working Group and have the LSC coordinator prioritize tasks then call upon LSC members and trail stewards (which now number over 20) to assist with accomplishing each task.
3. A top priority for Sara is a 2-year project to raise money for and construct a bridge (similar to the Piscassic Greenway Bridge) at Longmarsh. She estimates this will cost at least \$60,000 but will last 30-40 years. Also, Sara has engaged UNH ROTC to help with trail work at Longmarsh.

Action Items:

1. Sara will add a “Responsible Party” column to the “Inventory” tab of the Property Inventory Spreadsheet, and populate it over time.
2. Gale will post the Property Inventory Spreadsheet on Google Sheets for communal editing.
3. Working Group members will populate/edit 2 columns on their property-specific tab on the Property Inventory Spreadsheet. These 2 columns are “**2023 Recommendations**” (identical to those on the Questionnaire Summary for each property), and “**Overall Goals**”.

Assignments are:

- a. Mike: Doe Farm, Wagon Hill, Jackson’s Landing
 - b. Jim: Stollworthy, Stevens Woods, The Meadows
 - c. Ann: Thompson Forest, Longmarsh Preserve, Weeks, Wagon Hill North
 - d. Gale: Wiswall/John Hatch Park, Oyster River Forest/Spruce Hole Bog, Packers Falls, Oyster River Greenway.
4. Mike, Jim, Ann and Gale will complete their edits/additions by Jan 2, to allow time for everyone (especially Sara) to review before our Jan 8 meeting.
 5. Sara will contact Sally Needell regarding archiving the survey monkey data, both hard copy and digitally, and locations for these.
 6. Gale will send Craig pdf’s of all Questionnaire Summaries (the last 3 will be reviewed at the next LSC meeting on Dec 13), and ask that he post each to its respective property website.
 7. Once Summaries are posted, Sara will alert residents where they can find this information via *Friday Updates*.

Next meeting:

Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, 10:00 AM, First floor conference room, Town Hall