

LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE
Wagon Hill Farm
Meeting Notes for August 13, 2025

Members Attending: Neil Slepian, Em Friedrichs, Ted Howard via Zoom, and Marty Gorham

Absent: Ann Welsh, Darrell Ford, Myrta Janosz, John Carroll, Carolyn Singer, Gale Carey and John Nachilly

Also attending: Todd Selig, Rich Reine, Sara Callaghan, Veronique Ludington and Elliot Ng

Note: Because a quorum was not present this is not an official meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:33am by Neil Slepian.
2. Neil discussed changing the LSSC monthly meeting from the current second Wednesday of the month to the fourth Wednesday of the month starting in October.
3. Stewardship Coordinator Update – Veronique Ludington.
 - Longmarsh Preserve – Continuing work on bog bridge repairs. Planning to purchase additional timbers from Goose Bay Lumber using appropriated funds. Some of the material costs may be reimbursed through a grant from the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership.
 - Doe Farm – Veronique and Elliot dismantled fire pits and removed bricks and grill.
 - Oyster River Forest – Almost all plastic trail markers have been removed, so it may be necessary to blaze trees along the trail using paint.
 - Oyster River Forest Bridge – In the last stages of DES permitting for bridge replacement. The Fish & Game requires that the work be done between April 15 and October 15 for the protection of overwintering turtles. DPW will plan to do this work in 2026.
 - Oyster River Forest – Removed a small amount of invasive wild parsnip.
 - A Discover Durham Area Trails presentation was provided at the Durham Public Library and will also be presented at Riverwoods in the future.
 - A UNH group known as EcoReps has volunteered to provide a trail maintenance work day 10am to 2pm on October 4th at Longmarsh Preserve.
 - BioBlitz – Working with Erin Hale to organize a group of UNH students to help with BioBlitz.
 - Stolworthy – Veronique is getting a fee for a land survey.
4. Neil distributed a summary of town conservation lands and parks with a description of allowed uses, restrictions and features. The attendees discussed properties that should be included, as well as what allowed uses and restricted uses should be for each property.
5. The subcommittee adjourned at 10:10 am.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 8:30 am in the Town Hall Chambers.

Respectfully,
Martin Gorham