

Groton Stewardship Committee Agenda

Present: Eileen McHugh (Conservation Commission, Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee); Laura Moore (Lawrence Academy, Historic District Commission); Olin Lathrop (Conservation Commission, Invasive Species Committee, Trails Committee); Alex Woodle (Great Pond Advisory Committee); Lisa Murray (Groton Garden Club); Bob Hanninen (Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee); Anna Eliot (Community Preservation Committee, Park Commission); Nik Gualco (Conservation Administrator).

Absent:

Meeting date: Wednesday, December 16, 200, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Boots on Ground: Conservation restriction monitoring

N. Gualco lead a discussion on how the Stewardship Committee could begin to address the need to monitor lands where the Conservation Commission owns a Conservation Restriction on. He presented a template monitoring form and showed a map and spreadsheet listing all the CRs owned by the Town. His plan involves training first members of the Stewardship Committee who are interested in monitoring CRs and then other members of the public.

A. Discuss process for tracking OSRP action items

E. McHugh presented a spreadsheet, which organized the goals and objectives of the 2019 Open Space & Recreation Plan by their responsible parties. This spreadsheet will allow the Stewardship Committee to keep track and communicate with the various committees and groups responsible for implementing the various action items of the OSRP.

B. Discuss networking/outreach/education

The Committee discussed strategies for how to best communicate with residents on topics of stewardship. It was agreed that the Committee could focus on highlighting both the needs for stewarding the town's open spaces as well as the many groups who currently work on addressing these needs. The Committee discussed utilizing existing social medial platforms as well as exploring how best to generate content (i.e., lecture series, video shorts, blogs, articles in the Groton Herald). Gualco stated he will reach out to Bob Coleman (Groton Cable) and Russ Harris (Groton Herald) to explore possible partnering opportunities.

C. Approve past meeting minutes

n/a

D. Conclusion and set next meeting date

The next meeting was set for January 20, 2020 at 6:30PM.

Minutes Approved: January 20, 2021