



Groton Stewardship Committee Minutes

Present: Olin Lathrop; Kimberly Kuliesis, Vice Chair; Anna Eliot; Ronald Hersch

Absent: Lisa Murray, Chair

Others Present: Charlotte Steeves (Conservation Administrator); Paul Funch; Curtis Best & Valerie Best (128 Longley Road); Tom Bouris (212 Longley Road).

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

When: October 16th, 2024

6:32 PM K. Kuliesis (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order

Discussion on Site Walk at Fitch-Best Woods on October 10th, 2024

C. Steeves said that both she and A. Eliot were present for the site walk along with several abutters on Longley Road. She said she put together a monitoring report from the site walk. She said that the parcel is mostly clear of encroachments. She said there was a problem with some invasive plants along Longley Road, mostly Oriental Bittersweet and Barberry. She said that most of the property had been surveyed by an abutter (along the Best property line). She said there were no trails on the property.

Discussion ensued regarding the site walk and future management endeavors.

O. Lathrop said that he would invite the Invasive Species Committee out to the property to take a look at some of the invasive plants.

A Eliot left the meeting at 6:55 PM, meaning that there was no longer a quorum.

Committee Updates

R. Hersch said that the boards on Lost Lake have been pulled out to begin the drawdown period.

O. Lathrop said that the Invasive Species Committee has been conducting follow-up treatments at several properties. He said that some large invasive stumps had been cut earlier in the Spring at the St Regis Papermill Conservation Area off of Fitch's Bridge Road. He said that the Committee has treated some of the cut stumps. He said that the Committee has seen some impressive results due to their treatment efforts.

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The Committee informally decided to set the next site walk for 10:30 AM on November 16th.

Adjourn

There was no quorum at the time of the meeting adjournment, so there was no official vote to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: 4/16/25