



Groton Stewardship Committee Minutes

Present: Lisa Murray, Chair; Olin Lathrop; Kimberly Kuliesis, Vice Chair; Anna Eliot.

Absent: Ronald Hersch

Others Present: Charlotte Steeves (Conservation Administrator); John Kennedy (132 Hill Road)

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

When: November 20th, 2024

6:30 PM L. Murray called the meeting to order

Committee Updates

C Steeves said that she attended a Nature-Based Solutions Walk in Devens.

Discussion ensued regarding pocket forests and the pollinator pathway.

O Lathrop suggested the area between Mill Street and Jenkins Road could potentially be converted to a more biodiverse ecosystem. He suggested that the Stewardship Committee develop a re-planting plan for this area and present it to the Conservation Commission during an upcoming meeting.

Discussion on Site Walk at the Palmer Property on November 16th, 2024

C Steeves gave an overview of the site walk and shared the summary she had written. She said a substantial number of abutters were in attendance. She said that the Committee was able to find most of the boundary marker pins along the perimeter of the property. She said that the parcel is mostly in a good condition, aside from a rusty truck. One of the abutters was interested in expanding the pollinator pathway onto the property.

A Elliot said that the DPW garage might be a possibility for parking to access the parcel, but also suggested the Senior Center, which is nearby.

C Steeves said that she did not notice a lot of invasive plants during the site walk. She said if the Committee is to recommend to the Conservation Commission to build trails or extend the pollinator pathway, that they should be careful about invasive plants.

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O Lathrop said that foresting has gotten more complicated because disturbances can facilitate growth of sun-tolerant invasive plants. He said that harvesting can be done, but this matter would have to be brought to the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the site walk, potential trails, and removal of the rusty truck from the property.

Discussion: December Site Walk

O Lathrop suggested the newly acquired Lyman Land (C.L. Bennett Family Conservation Area) as the next site walk location.

The site walk was set for December 7th, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn

There was no official vote to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:35 PM.

Minutes Approved: 4/16/25