East Haddam  
Conservation Commission  
Forestry and Stewardship Sub-committee  
February 17, 2016  
Adopted March 3, 2016

1. Call to Order
The Special Meeting of the Forestry and Stewardship sub-committee of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 7:05 PM at Todd and Charlotte Gelston’s residence on Bogel Road. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being Present.

   a. Roll Call
Marilyn Gleeson, Charlotte Gelston, Todd Gelston, Joe Zaid, Paul Sienna, Sue Merrow – arrived 8:37pm.

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Ms. Gelston to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Gleeson and unanimously approved.

3. Old Business
   a. Reprints and new prints of the trail guide
At the 2 turnstile map holders in town, there are still maps for Ayers, Ballahack, Burnham, Rose Farm and Urbanik. There are no copies of Olde Field in the holders. Ms. Gelston has the following maps in reserve:
   - 25 Chapal
   - 50 Chapman
   - 300 Dean
   - 300 Harris
   - 275 Hatch Lot
   - 150 Sheepskin
   - 25 William Jezek
The following re-print is needed:
   - 300 Chapman
   - 300 Rose Farm
   - 500 Chapal
   - 300 Sheepskin
   - 200 Burnham Brook
   - 100 Jezek
   - 100 Olde Field
   - 200 Urbanik
   - 100 Ayers
   - 500 Hatch Lot

The printing needs to wait until Davison, Hidden Valley and Duncan trails are mapped and ready for printing. Dean and Harris will not be reprinted at this point. Given the EDC’s commitment to paying for a reprinting, Mr. Gelston will reach out to Mr. Casner, chair of the EDC, that the printing will be done and thus a bill will be provided end of March/early April.

   b. Map Holders/Quick Response
The properties that need map holders are
   - Ballahack (1)
   - Burnham Brook (1)
   - Harris (2)
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- Hatch Lot (move holder to lower blue trail entrance)
- Olde Field (1)
  - Sheepskin Hollow (3)
These do not have maps but will need to have map holders at some point in the future:
  - Golet Farm (1)
  - Lena (1)
  - Zeleznicky (1)
  - Roaring Brook (1)
  - Sabine (1)
Ms. Gleeson will talk with Ms. Snow in the Town Office to order 20 more map holders. Mr. Zaid has 8 map holders of which 2 are going to be installed shortly, leaving 6.

c. Recycle Signs
Ms. Gleeson noted that wherever a map holder is installed, a recycle sign is posted as well.

d. Projects and Project Schedule
Mr. Gelston provided a Conservation Commission Stewardship Project Priority list, and reviewed it with the group. Mr. Gelston asked the group to talk through what priorities should be shifted. The group discussed moving Chapal Farm up from 7. on the list to the first priority. There is a need to get kiosks built. A large map needs to be ordered. Mr. Gelston will talk with Mr. Smith to discuss when the survey will be completed. The second priority will be Sabine, with the bridge being moved and trail upgrades. The third priority is Davison, which needs a kiosk and clearing the vista. The fourth is Lena – blaze boundaries and create parking lot. The fifth is Roaring Brook – tag and blaze boundaries. The sixth is Harris, to address the Guggenheim property boundary marking, install a small bridge, map holders, kiosks and two parking lots. The seventh is Dean which needs parking. The ninth is Zeleznicky, and tenth is Lefebvre.

e. Saturday Work Afternoon Tasks and Schedule
The schedule is every 2 weeks and if there’s a cancellation, the work party will not be rescheduled but will wait until the next scheduled party.

f. Davison Vista Swath Cutting
This Saturday, a wood cutter will review the Davison property to see what the cutting will cost and if it is feasible.

g. Other
Mr. Smith asked Mr. Gelston, via email, to provide all the measurements for the safety chaps. Mr. Zaid and Mr. Sienna provided to Mr. Gelston, who will provide to Mr. Smith. Ms. Merrow is talking with the Leos to build benches for the Davison property.

4. New Business
a. Boy Scout Projects
  Tabled to the next meeting.
b. Other
Mr. Gelston provided a printout of the budget, as well as the goals and objectives for 2016-2017.

5. Announcements and other discussion
Mr. Gelston will follow up with Mr. Smith to find out the stewardship update on Chapman Pond.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary

- Conservation Commission Stewardship Project Priority
- Town of East Haddam 2015-2016 Approved Budget
- General Government: Conservation Commission