

**Forestry and Stewardship Sub-Committee of the  
East Haddam Conservation Commission**

June 26, 2014  
Adopted July 1, 2014

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Forestry and Stewardship Sub-Committee of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 7:14 PM at the Gelston residence. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being Present.

a. Roll Call

Todd Gelston, Marilyn Gleeson, Sue Merrow. Others present: volunteer Joe Zaid

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Merrow to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Gleeson and unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Tabled until next meeting.

4. New Business

a. Parking Lot and Bridge Construction for Hatch Lot

The applications for the parking lot and the bridge were submitted to IWCC, and it has been approved. Now the work must begin to install the bridge. The timbers have been purchased, and the existing stones will be used as footings. It will be strong enough for horses and pedestrians. For the parking lot, rails will be installed to prevent people from rolling into the soft or wet sections. The open well will need to be filled. There is an issue with the bulldozer; Mr. Gelston asked the town to bulldoze the logging trails, but that has not been done yet. Mr. Smith is looking into renting a bulldozer. Gravel, paint, gates and bollards have been ordered.

b. Signs

Ms. Gleeson brought one of the newly purchased sandwich boards to show the sub-committee. Total was \$949 for 4 signs. Mr. Smith also is working on the property signage. At the next CC meeting, a sign keeper will need to be determined.

c. Property Assignments for volunteer Stewards

Mr. Gelston asked Joe Zaid to look up information on Petticoat Landing as he is interested in stewarding that property. He will visit the Town Hall to gather information on Petticoat Landing. Mr. Zaid is also interested in stewarding the Rose Farm Homestead property. Mr. Gelston noted that the CC is very happy to have him stewarding these two properties. Another volunteer Darlene Dunbar, could not make the meeting, but Mr. Gelston will discuss if she is interested in Autumn Ridge on Town Farm Road and Wolf Tree Preserve on Schulman Vesalak. Mr. Gelston will also talk with Bernie Gillis.

5. Old Business

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a. Updated Work Day Schedules and Property Assignments

The next work day will be July 12<sup>th</sup>. The work will be focused on Rose Farm Homestead to mark trails on the east side and clear more of the underbrush.

b. Update on Boy Scout Work

Mr. Gelston has not heard from the Boy Scouts but will follow up with Mr. Smith to see if he has.

c. Volunteer Pool

The new signs will hopefully draw in more volunteers.

d. Patches and Vests

Tabled until next meeting.

5. Announcements and other discussion

None discussed.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Gleeson to adjourn at 7:55 pm, second by Mr. Gelston, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon A. Goyette  
Recording Secretary