

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

May 15, 2015
Adopted June 2, 2015

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of Forestry and Stewardship Sub-Committee of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 7:07 PM at the Gelston residence. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being Present.

a. Roll Call

Todd Gelston, Marilyn Gleeson, Joe Zaid, Rob Smith, Sue Merrow, Charlotte Gelston.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Merrow to approve the agenda as outlined verbally. Second by Ms. Gelston and unanimously approved.

3. New Business

a. Maps and Trail guide printing

Ms. Gleeson reviewed all the trail maps to date.

Ayers Preserve – a parking symbol needed and will add in a note stating limited parking is available. She will add in the Kashanski property, showing that it is across the Eightmile River.

Ballahack Preserve – it is not an ideal property for horse trail riding.

Burnham Brook Preserve – the reference to salmon will be removed. The trail is on a 200 acre section of the full preserve. She will add a contour interval and will name memorial rock as the glacial boulder. Mr. Gelston will map the trail to mark where the small rock with a plaque is posted.

Chapal Farm parcels – Ms. Gleeson will adjust the trail and boundary to ensure the red trail does not show that it crosses into private property. She will add the driveway demarcation back in. She will be consistent with the pond symbols. She will also add in symbols for the kettle ponds and the eskers.

Chapman Pond preserve – no changes to be made.

Dean Easement – She will add parking on both entrances. She will continue Parker Road as a road from the star straight through Hatch Lot instead of noting that it is a trail and will note it is as hiking only.

Harris parcel – She will move the municipal property up a bit as it is too large. She will remark the parking areas to show where there are places to park. She will change garden shed to pavilion. She will mark the Old Mt. Parnassus Road as unlabeled.

Hatch Lot – Ms. Gleeson will put an elevation mark and will show Clark Hill Road further down the map. She will move the Sheepskin Hollow Road to differentiate from the brook. She will move the elevations to be closer to where they are related to the trail. She will add in the campsite symbol into the legend.

William Jezek Memorial preserve – She will move the red trail onto the property along the narrow part of the property. Parking needs to be noted on Daniel Peck Road and on Beebe Road – it is limited.

Olde Field Preserve – She will mark the field in a different color.

Rose Farm Homestead – Mr. Smith will check with Mr. Ventres to determine if there's any information already that can be used to write up the history of the property. She will add Club to Berlin Fish and Game and denote that the Berlin Fish and Game Club land is private. She will add in an additional kiosk symbol.

Sheepskin Hollow Preserve – She will add horseback riding as permitted activities.

Urbanik preserve – She will move the bridge over the trail. She will note that Foxtown Cemetery Road is paved up to the parking area. She will change the pond symbol to blue.

Ms. Goyette will proof the maps and provide to Ms. Gleeson, and Mr. Gelston and Mr. Smith will review one final time prior to printing. Mr. Gelston suggested printing 2000 of each map. There needs to be a decision made as to the number of maps printed per property. Ayers, Burnham, Ballahack, Jezek, Olde Field, and Urbanik – 100 each (\$500). Chapal, Dean, Harris and Sheepskin – 300 (\$850), Chapman and Rose – 200 (\$300), Hatch – 300 (\$425). Total is a little over \$2000 in terms of printing costs. Ms. Gelston will discuss how to initiate the printing with Ms. Zaid, related to getting paid for the printing. She will find out if Ms. Zaid wants a purchase order.

MyTownTrails will not house the maps, but they can be posted on the EHLT web site and the Conservation Commission site on the Town's web site.

Ms. Gelston provided an update on the displays for the maps. The one that she likes can hold 30 maps, for \$226 for a total of around \$1000 for four. The locations would be Ballek's Garden Center, Nathan Hale Pharmacy, the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's Office and Gillette's Castle. Ms. Gelston will talk with the three locations to determine if the racks can be displayed.

The Ag Commission had a booth at the Taste of East Haddam, and in the future, one of the trail guide displays should be included within that type of event.

Some of the maps will also need to be placed at the trails as well.

Motion by the Forestry and Stewardship sub-committee to purchase 4 rotating literature racks for approximately \$1000, seconded by Ms. Gleeson, unanimously approved.

b. Public Works Needs

Mr. Gelston will request a meeting with Mr. Walter and Ms. Lunt to discuss what the CC needs Public Works to do.

c. Saturday Work party task plan

Tabled to another meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Boy Scout projects

Tabled to another meeting.

5. Announcements and other discussion

Nothing to note.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Merrow to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Gleeson, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

- List of properties and their trail guide needs