

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT CONSERVATION
COMMISSION MEETING**

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

July 30, 2015

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of Forestry and Stewardship Sub-Committee of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Thursday, July 30, 2015, at 7:29 PM at the Gelston residence. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being Present.

a. Roll Call

Todd Gelston, Joe Zaid, Paul Sienna, Marilyn Gleeson, Charlotte Gelston. Others present: Peggy Carlson

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. New Business

a. Saturday Work Schedule and Tasks

Mr. Gelston asked if Hatch Lot needs any additional work. There are a few posts that need to be addressed, but Mr. Sienna noted that he and Mr. Zaid can address. On Harris property, there are a number of trees down that need to be addressed. Mr. Gelston suggested that the Saturday work party move the signs and address the trees that have fallen. The property line on the west side needs marking. There are additional markers needed for the orange and blue trails. The next work party is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, at 1pm.

b. Trail guide review – another printing?

All the properties that had fewer map printings have been all distributed in distribution locations. Mr. Gelston suggested having a stack of maps in reserve as there will be an article in the Events magazine. Ms. Gelston reviewed the maps that she still has copies of. Chapal Farm is not needed – there are about 200 maps left. Rose Farm has about 100 maps left. Sheepskin Hollow has about 50 maps, and there are about 25 Urbanik maps left. Harris has quite a large number of maps still, close to 170 maps. Chapman Pond has 125 maps left. Dean property has close to 200 maps left. Hatch Lot has 25 left. About 30 of Ayers and 25 of Burnham Brook remain. There are 13 Jezek maps left. Ballahack and Olde Field preserves have no surplus maps left. The maps that are needed are Burnham Brook, Ballahack, Jezek, Sheepskin Hollow, Olde Field and Hatch Lot.

Regarding map holders, there are 3 at Boot Rock, Pizinni, and Patrell. Urbanik and Harris have one map holder. There are 2 at Jezek, Rose Farm and Hatch Lot properties. Sheepskin Hollow needs 3 holders – one on Ridgebury, one on Sheepskin Hollow and one at Woodmont Circle. Mr. Zaid will install these holders. Chapman Pond needs one. Dean also needs 2 holders, which Mr. Zaid will post once the sign location is determined such that he can install the signs. Burnham needs a holder with maps. Ballahack needs a sign and map holder. Olde Field needs to have the sign post reinstalled as a tree took the existing one down.

- c. Status of the EHCC's request to the EHPW Department for Work
Mr. Gelston noted the Hatch Lot parking lot has been addressed and looks great. The trees have not been cut down yet. The mowing of the Hatch Lot road cannot be done by Public Works so Mr. Smith contacted Ricky Shea to address the mowing. There is a new Town employee who is addressing the mowing, but there is some question as to if that employee can actually do the work.

4. Old Business

- a. Update on kiosk map displays

Mr. Smith addressed the map displays, and they have now all been stained. Harris needs a kiosk, and the Urbanik kiosk needs to be updated. There is a kiosk on the Rt. 82 side of Rose Farm, but a map is needed. Each property needs to have a map posted on it. Sheepskin Hollow and Chapal Farm both need kiosks, given how complicated their trail systems are. Kiosk priority would be Harris property first, followed by Chapal Farm, then the Dean property.

5. Announcements and other discussion

The sub-committee discussed the need to send a letter to the Nature Conservancy asking them to conduct driveway repairs and post a sign for the Chapman Pond property.

The sub-committee would like to get an update on the land trade for Rose Farm and Ray of Light Farm.

The sub-committee would like to discuss ordering a new sign for Olde Field and Ballahack at the next CC meeting.

The sub-committee would like to discuss Ayers parking at the next CC meeting.

The sub-committee would like to discuss ordering another printing of maps for Burnham Brook, Ballahack, Jezek, Sheepskin Hollow, Olde Field and Hatch Lot at the next CC meeting.

The sub-committee would like to discuss the status of the Sprecher property swap and where to put the parking lot for the Dean property (either on Sprecher or the Dean property) at the next CC meeting.

Ms. Gleeson provided the maps to Linda Z. to be posted, but the maps have not been posted yet. The sub-committee would like to discuss requesting access to the website to make changes to the website at the next CC meeting.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sienna to adjourn at 9:05 pm, seconded by Ms. Gleeson, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary