

**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:

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| • 25 Chapal  | • 275 Hatch Lot    |
| • 50 Chapman | • 150 Sheepskin    |
| • 300 Dean   | • 25 William Jezek |
| • 300 Harris |                    |

The following re-print is needed:

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| • 300 Chapman       | • 100 Jezek      |
| • 300 Rose Farm     | • 100 Olde Field |
| • 500 Chapal        | • 200 Urbanik    |
| • 300 Sheepskin     | • 100 Ayers      |
| • 200 Burnham Brook | • 500 Hatch Lot  |
| • 100 Ballahack     |                  |

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

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| • Ballahack (1)     | • Harris (2) |
| • Burnham Brook (1) |              |

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- Hatch Lot (move holder to lower blue trail entrance)
- Olde Field (1)
  - Sheepskin Hollow (3)
- Davison (1)
- Duncan (1)
- Hidden Valley Farm (2)

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 eighth is Rose Farm, which needs some tree work and the southern boundary marked along with a foot bridge. 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.

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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