

TIVERTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of September 16, 2013 Meeting

Convened at 7:04 PM – Tiverton Town Hall

Present: Dennis Culberson, Brian Janes, Ginger Lacy, Phil Schuyler, Jim Spears, and Martin Van Hof

Also attending: Susan Gill, Herb Sawin

Administrative Announcements and Reports

- **Minutes of July 15, 2013 meeting approved by all. Culberson/Van Hof**
- **Minutes of July 15, 2013 Executive Session approved by all and sealed. Schuyler/Spears**
- **Treasurer's report given by Culberson. Accepted. Janes/Van Hof**
- **The Commission considered a request by the Dig Wars TV show for access to Open Space properties for filming an episode of their show. Motion: To reject the Dig Wars request as this was not an appropriate use of Open Space properties and would be in direct conflict with the Town's "no metal detector" policy. Passed. Schuyler/Spears**
- **The annual Pardon Gray event and TOSC's participation was discussed. Members were reminded of the meeting on September 30 at the TLT offices at Four Corners. Sarah Bradford will present the latest plans for Highland Woods.**

Stewardship Report

- **Weetamoo Woods:** Late season mowing has been completed. Josh will be asked to submit a new estimate of the cost of clearing the wall in the meadow.
- **High Hill Point:** The grassy area has been mowed twice. There was some discussion of the limits of clearing along Sesh Road. It was agreed that Karen Thornhill would be notified if/when such clearing was scheduled.
- **Highland Woods:** Jim Spears reported on the clearing done in Highland Woods by the students from the Conservation Youth Corps and volunteers from TOSC and the Land Trust. Wayne Browning coordinated the effort.
- **Fort Barton Woods:** Schuyler announced that Appalachian Mountain Club members would be hiking in the Fort Barton Woods and in Weetamoo/Pardon Gray on September 17. There was discussion of the plans for reconstructing the stairs leading from the Fort to the Woods.
- **Pocasset Ridge:** Work proceeds on the trail design for these properties.

Executive Session:

- **Motion to go into Executive Session.** Martin/Spears. Approved by all. Time: 7:59 p.m.
- **Motion to close Executive Session.** Schuyler/Van Hof. Approved by all. Time: 8:19 p.m.
- **Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.** . Schuyler/Van Hof. Approved by all.

Minutes by Phil Schuyler