

Tiverton Open Space and Land Preservation Commission

Minutes of Monday December 15, 2014

Convened: 5:35 pm

Present were: Dennis Culberson, Brian Janes, Garry Plunkett, Phil Schuyler, Jim Spears, Ginger Lacy and Martin Van Hof. Guest: Susan Gill

The commission had a brief discussion in memory of Art Waddicor who's knowledge of the Tiverton woods and its history had few equals.

- 1. Minutes of November were approved as presented.**
- 2. Treasurer's report was accepted**
- 3. Stewardship reports**
 - A. Plunkett moved and Schuyler seconded motion to pay for Ft. Barton mowing (\$500) from non-appropriated stewardship account since the Ft. Barton account balance is nil. All approved**
 - B. Weetamoo Woods had no changes.**
 - C. High Hill Point. No Report**
 - D. Highland Woods/ Ft Barton. Plunkett reported that the stone wall**

boundary between Ft. Barton Woods and the Benny Beaudoin property has suffered spray paint graffiti and displaced stones in two separate locations. Phil Beaudoin (son) and Plunkett repaired the wall sections and obliterated the graffiti. An effort will be made to assist in masking the remaining paint markings on the Beaudoin property.

E. Pocasset Ridge. The “Memorandum for the Record” that described an initial trail concept for Pocasset Ridge, and was approved at the November meeting, has been amended to affirm the inclusion of a spur trail to the ridge scenic overview on the former Marvell property. Motion (Plunkett, second Spears) to endorse the change approved - unanimous.

4. New Business

A. Plunkett reported on a meeting with the state DEM Forestry Division fire risk officials. and the fire department. More study will be necessary to come up with a Town fire plan for the Forests of Tiverton. Plunkett suggested that a comprehensive inventory and map of both public and private roadway/driveway accesses to Pocasset Ridge and Weetamoo Woods should be the basis of any plan.

B. Lacy reported minor changes have been made to the Weetamoo Woods trail guide and an order is being placed for 2500.

Moved by Schuyler and seconded by Spears to enter executive Session at 6:20pm All approved

Exited Executive session at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm

Minutes Recorded by Martin Van Hof