

1-15-15 Minutes Forest Committee Meeting, 4:00 Buzz

Attending: Carol Larson, Ed Rohrbach, Jennifer Borders, Katrina Streiff

Call to order/ Approval of minutes from December meeting

Boundaries/Encroachment

-Boundary markers. Spring project: the new ceramic markers should be placed at all forest entrances first: Jen's, Jill Althouse-Wood's, Lan & Bobs', etc.

-The Committee went out to the Ridings' and Theis' properties to determine if Clay's truck was parked in the forest. No determination was made. We will have to ask Bill Theis where his property line is.

-2033 Marsh Road: Property has sold. Trustees will attach a note to the lease transfer about our concerns.

-Kessler at 1905 Millers drove through forest to put in shed. Ruts remain in the woods. We put up bamboo barrier poles hoping they are finished with construction. We can plant some of our trees here.

Budget

-We know Buckingham Greene funds are in the hands of the lawyer. We are waiting for the Town to receive funds. We will need to search for existing engineering studies already paid for by the Town.

-Almost finished with grant – will partially disburse. Complete before our March budget cycle.

Involvement/Education/Community Contact

-Arden Page submission for February: Tree planting near St. Martin's Lane.

-Lancashire School on hold. Plant a grove of trees to begin? No actions

-Make additions to the Facebook page when you think of it.

Drainage/Erosion

-Surface/storm water planning grant for village is available quarterly. It's complicated and a planning grant is in order for 1st quarter of 2015. see grants below

-Plans for excavation and drains around sewer conduit off St. Martin's Lane postponed until April. Schefflen having drainage difficulty with his pond, looking for suggestions about how to proceed.

Grants/Projects (categories: mapping, tree planting, water management, trails)

Schroeder: Path improvements at 2409 Woodland: Wayne Knotts for grading, Dale Tatom for bollards. Pending, no action

Delaware Land and Conservation Trust Fund Grant program. Grant for bridges, walkways and boardwalks?

Establishing procedures for invasive removal at Marsh & Millers to apply to new areas:

Including St. Martin's Lane, Cherry Lane, and Perkins Bend (Theis, Somerville, Hoegger).

Invasive Report

Ivy parties for coming months. We must work on grant areas for match amounts. St. Martins, Woodland Lane, etc.

Greg from Red Tail putting a few hours every month. Came over to St. Martins to assess invasive control in advance of tree planting for the grant

Paths/Maintenance

Drilling holes for drainage in compacted areas,

Bridge replacements. Jen toured with Roger and Ken Morrison. Another estimate? Hank Borders will be looking into building bridges for his Eagle Scout project.

Fire Lane path?

Removals/monitoring

A few troublesome beeches near Sunset Lane to keep watch on. (Ron has been asking for work!)

New business: we need two candidates for January assuming Jen and Carol both run again.

Next meeting date: February 19, at 4 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Borders