

Open Space Meeting Oct. 4, 2010

Called to order 7:05pm. Present: Jassy Bratko, chair, Dottie Athens, Charlie Clark, Susan Fox, Joe Cataldo, Leslie Greiner, Pat Taylor

Dottie read minutes of previous meeting, Leslie made motion to accept minutes, Charlie 2nded. All in favor.

Discussions- Mr. Prentiss no long interested in conservation restriction on his property. Parks Commission. Trash problems on DCR land at Muzzy Ridge Trail and the cellar hole across the street. Pat brought piece of trash to meeting. Leslie will try to track down any info from the trash re: culprit.

Tom Bratko will brush-hog field at Malone Road's north meadow. Sue Fox and Joe Cataldo will meet with him next week at the meadow to help out and look for rocks that may be in the way. Jassy will find out when Tom can brush-hog. Paul Bedeau needs to give a price so he can cut selected trees. Jassy will get price from him. He will be made aware that the Recreational Trails grant of \$30,000 was not funded.

Sue and Dottie have been working on and submitted the HBA grant request of \$2500.00 to help with the picnic area at Mt Jefferson to hopefully be used along with funds from Funds for Hubb Preservation. Tree stumps need to be removed, the ground leveled and mulched to make disabled access easier. Joe noted he saw red rose bushes and lilacs in the area.

Yankee Equipment quote divided into sections to help apply for funds. \$2400.00 to clear brush, saplings, trash and big rocks. \$200.00 to move big boulders into place at foundation for safety reasons. \$2100.00 to clear damaged trees, chip brush, clear wood and stumps. One of the goals is to make Mt Jeff picnic area accessible for all-terrain wheelchair.

Recreational Trails Grant deadline is Nov. 1, 2010. Funds would help re-route the Behind the Chimney Trail, build 2 bridges, create a stone sign at the picnic area to be done by Charlie, and print new maps. Susan will work on the grant.

Dottie made a motion to request \$3500.00 from the Funds for Hubbardston Preservation to do work at the Mt Jefferson foundation. Sue 2nded the motion. Unanimously accepted. Jassy will send an email to Sanda Barry. Jassy and Sue will email committee re: final budget.

Leslie met a woman on horseback on Mt. Jefferson Rd named Lucille, from Templeton. She greatly appreciated the trail work and bridge work that the OSC has done, and asked how she would be able to send a check to the OSC earmarked for trail maintenance. Leslie will contact her to let her know how the town needs to receive and earmark her request. Deb Roussell will be contacted.

The Selectboard request an OSC member be present at the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission meeting on either Oct. 12 or Oct. 25. In order to discuss development in the town. OSC members will check their calendars and attend if possible.

Leslie made motion to adjourn. Dottie 2nded.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Leslie Greiner

Secretary