May 2, 2011 Hubbbardston Open Space Committee minutes

7:10pm mtg called to order by Leslie

Members present: Jassy Bratko chair, Charlie Clark, Joe Cataldo, Susan Fox, Catherine Galbreath. Also present: Pat Taylor

Review of previous minutes to be put in town file in Slade bldg. Catherine made motion to accept all minutes, Susan 2nded. All in favor.

Committee decided to meet at the Mt Jeff foundation site to discuss cleanup. Bids requested from Paul Bedeau Yankee Equip, Grasshopper, Busy Bee, Clapham, Skyline tree svc. Committee needs prices by May 9.

Cleanup would include cleaning up brush from the foundation chipping brush, removing 15-20 dead or damaged trees, and create a culvert behind the picnic area, as well as placing stones around foundation for safety reasons.

Selectboard renewed 2-yr contract with Yankee Equipment for pickup of slash and clean up Malone and Mt Jeff picnic areas.

Discussed trail maintenance and the stolen trailhead signs, as well as the erosion of the Behind the Chimney Trail and the brush and prickers on the Gates Hill Trail.

Joe volunteered to make signs to replace those that are missing.

Discussed that Janet Morrison of Mt Grace Forest Legacy sent letters to landowners re: conservation options.

Jassy asked selectboard to add the additional field at Malone Rd to Paul Laine's contract. Selectboard will consider.

Jassy received a letter from the planning board re:IPOD district. Jassy will respond. Susan recused herself re: conflicting purposes.

Leslie made a motion to send letter to planning board opposing IPOD district. All in favor.

Pay Taylor agreed to fill position left by the passing of Dottie Athens. She will speak with Elaine.

Catherine presented Jassy Bratko with a framed letter of recognition from the members of the Open Space committee in appreciation of all the work she has done over the years.

Leslie motion to adjourn, Susan 2nded. Mtg adjourned 8:30pm.

Leslie Greiner

Secretary