Sept 12, 2011 Open Space Meeting minutes

Present: Jassy Bratko, Susan Fox, Pat Taylor, Joe Cataldo, Charlie Clark, Leslie Greiner and newly-appointed member Peter DeBlois. Also present were Danielle Murray and Michael Dunphy

Mtg called to order 7:00pm.

Discussed possible events for Mt Jefferson Conservation Area such as an astronomy night, bird-watching, family hikes

Susan presented the Recreational Trails Grant award to the group. The OSC needs to match 20% of $3578.00 granted which can be in labor hours. We had originally requested $5240.00. 21 volunteer hours have already been completed. Discussed plans to have the sign materials donated and the need for 3 bids for construction of the 2 bridges included in grant, one approximately 4-6 ', and the other one approximately 16' in length. Peter may know someone who might want to bid on the work. He may also know someone with a skidder who might be able to help get the materials down the trail

Charlie offered to donate telephone poles for the bridge spans and will see if his nephews can leave them at the picnic area.

Discussed sign for Mt Jeff. Charlie will check with Bill Gochis about building the stone structure. Leslie will check with neighbors who had stonework done in the past and put them in contact with Charlie re: design, etc. Michael will check with Monty Tech re: masonry.

Discussed who would pick up the fallen willow tree in the foundation. Jassy will write the selectboard and have them decide.

We have a signed contract from Yankee Equipment. Paul Bedeau will maintain Mt Jeff and Malone Rd mowing and trash removal once a week in exchange for slash.

Forest Legacy Grant will be filed on Wednesday for the Quabbin to Wachusett Project, which includes Mt Grace Land Trust, North and East Quabbin Land Trusts, and the North County Land Trust. Janet Morrison will get the letters out to interested landowners. Once the applications are received it can take about 5 years for approval.

Paul Laine has signed a new agreement to hay 40 acres on Mt Jeff Cons Area until 2013. Elaine Peterson will put in an addendum to hay Malone Road Cons Area also.

Joe made motion to adjourn, Leslie 2nded. All in favor. Mtg adjourned 8:15pm.

Leslie Greiner

Secretary