Aug. 6, 2012

Hubbardston Open Space Meeting Minutes DRAFT ONLY

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7:10pm Meeting convened. Present were member Jassy Bratko, chair, Susan Fox, Joe Cataldo, Peter Deblois, Charlie Clark and Leslie Greiner. Also present: Alan Rawle.

Pat read minutes of July 2, 2012 meeting. Peter motion to accept with corrections, Susan 2nded. All in favor.

Alan Rawle requested the minutes for the July 2 meeting. He said was unable to attend the meeting and wanted to know what was discussed regarding haying schedules at the Mt Jefferson Conservation Area. He is interested in working out a schedule for haying so that the birds living in the fields are able to leave the nests before haying. He was advised to look at the land management plans that are currently in place.

Janet Morrison, Executive Director of North County Land Trust, Inc. entered the meeting. She and the committee discussed potential properties in Hubbardston for the Quabbin to Wachusett land project. She requested that committee members contact those landowners interested in conserving their land and the need for new letters of commitment from the landowners. Applications are due Sept. 15, 2012. Janet exited the meeting.

The discussion with Mr. Rawle continued. He was told that the Open Space Committee had met with Mr. Laine re the suggestions submitted by Wendy Howes. Mr. Laine had agreed to certain concessions re: haying as outlined in the July minutes which were read to Mr. Rawle. These concessions were voted on and approved by the OS Committee. Mr Rawle was dissatisfied with the concessions. He was told the OS Committee was going to continue with haying per the management plan and with the concessions made by Mr. Laine. He was advised to take his concerns to the Conservation Commission if he wished to pursue the matter further. He thanked the committee and exited the meeting.

The committee will contact the Conservation Commission for the September agenda to further discuss what to do with trash at Malone Rd. Conservation Area.

Susan made motion to adjourn at 9:25pm. Joe 2nded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted as draft only, subject to committee approval at next meeting.

Leslie M Greiner

Secretary.