

## May 7, 2013 Hubbardston Open Space Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm. Present: Jassy Bratko, Pat Taylor, Peter Deblois, Joe Cataldo, Charlie Clark, Leslie Greiner. Also present: non-member Bill Leger.

Pat Taylor read minutes of April 1, 2013 that she recorded. Susan made motion to accept minutes upon corrections, Charlie 2nded, all in favor.

Mr. Leger belongs to the Mohawk Amateur Radio Club in Gardner. He requested the committee's input re: the organization's camping at Malone Rd Conservation Area for a contest of short wave Ham radio operators, to be held beginning on June 21<sup>st</sup> at approx. 2:30pm through June 23<sup>rd</sup> at approx. 3:00pm. Friday night, June 21, there would be approx. 2-3 operators camping, and on Saturday night, approx. 3-7 campers. They would bring a generator, a port-o-potty, and maybe a U-Haul. They would use tents. There would be no alcohol or open fires. They would expect approx. 14-16 people over the weekend, with some to operate the radios. Hubbardston fire chief, police chief and emergency manager would be notified. The club will advertise in the Gardner News. The American Radio Relay League were approved by the Hubbardston Conservation Committee approved the event.

Some committee members expressed concern that the advertising might encourage too many to attend the event with the expectation of camping, which would not be allowed. Visitors would attend during daylight hours only. Assigned parking would be allowed because this would be an emergency response group. Bill was advised that there may be glass at the site.

The club would need to fill out a facility request form, which Bill agreed would be done. The form would be presented to the Selectboard, the Board of Health, and the Chief of Police. Peter made a motion requiring the form be used for overnight use with +/- 10 people or more. Susan 2nded, all in favor.

Bill stated that the club has a \$1,000,000 insurance policy for coverage.

Charlie made a motion to allow the event, Susan 2nded. All in favor. Leslie abstained. Bill exited the meeting.

### Other business:

Mowing at the Mt Jefferson and Malone Rd conservation areas will now be done by the DPW within their budget per Conservation Commission. The Parks Commission will mow the designated areas (picnic areas and trails access) until July 1<sup>st</sup> at their expense, which Jassy had approved by the Selectboard. Jassy will meet with Chris Norcross at 10am on May 7 to discuss areas to be mowed.

The group discussed the leaflet that was circulated to residents requesting delaying the haying at the conservation areas. The Selectboard needs to send the haying contract out to bid by June. Jassy contacted Agricultural Committee chair Kathy Hansgate regarding the issue of delayed haying.

Susan made a motion to ask the Agricultural Committee to support the current hay management plan with compromises approved at the Selectboard meeting. Charlie 2nded. All in favor.

Trail signs and markers were discussed, an ongoing project.

Peter made a motion to adjourn. Susan 2nded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Greiner

Secretary