

Conservation Land Review Committee
November 14, 2007

Attendees: Gary Langenbach, Chairman; Mark Guidoboni from Open Space; Pine duBois from Open Space; Sue Chamberlain from Conservation Commission; Elliot Glass, CTE Director at Silver Lake Regional High School.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:15 p.m. (as soon as a quorum was present.)

Two new members of the committee were introduced: Sue Chamberlain, replacing Marilyn Kozodoy from Conservation Commission, and Joe Kelleher, replacing Sandy MacFarlane from the Board of Selectmen.

Elliot Glass was introduced from SLRHS. He will be attending from time to time when discussion centers on land next to the High School or projects involve his students.

Pine Brook Project Discussion:

Pine said that there is potential grant funding for the Pine Brook restoration project. Silver Lake students taking horticulture classes would be very helpful volunteers to the project. Elliot said he would be happy to sit down with project planners but needs to ensure that timing, supervising and a balance of horticulture projects are covered.

Pine said that if the grant is awarded, the money for the Restoration project would be available in the spring. She could begin to involve the students in January once there is an indication about the potential for funding.

Silver Lake Horticulture Program Discussion:

The current SLRHS green house is in very poor condition. It probably dates to the 1950's and is in need of a serious overhaul. It is currently unsafe for the students to enter due to falling glass panels, etc.

The SLRHS nursery was demolished when the new building was constructed. Mark mentioned his preference for the nursery to be located on the Cranberry Watershed property adjacent to the barn. His feeling was that the mission is to involve SLRSD with use of the 260 acres of Cranberry watershed property, while the school property is their concern. The abandoned bogs may also be excellent planting sites for both trees or if flooded, wetland plants to be used as remediation plantings. Another suggestion made was to plant around the detention basin by the water tower. It would be a good location for the town to spread stockpiled mulch. This potential nursery location would be close to the school with easy student and faculty access.

Mark said he supported plantings near the detention basin, but as a school building committee member, he questioned the slope being too steep to hold the mulch and what the plantings would do to the engineering calculations that went into the design (not an

agreed upon statement by all at the meeting). A planting display area for the Horticulture program was also left in the plans near the tennis courts.

Other business included:

Appointing Sue Chamberlain secretary.

Approving the minutes:

On motion made by Mark Guidoboni, and seconded by Pine Dubois, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as corrected.

Setting the next agenda, on November 28, 2007, to discuss changes to the management plan for the Cranberry Watershed Preserve.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Chamberlain
Secretary