

Land Stewardship Committee Minutes 5/4/16

Call to order 6:30 pm

Present: Pat White, Kristi Rietz, Susan Sweeney, Bonnie Broderick, Pat Gillette, John Schimmelman, Susie Buenger, Mike Burton

1. 117 GTR Project Proposal

- Begin remediation in fall 2016
- Cost of Buckthorn (BT) removal - \$1800
- Cost of erosion prevention swales - \$3300
- Replanting over the course of 2 years
 - Spring 2017
 - Fall 2017 or Spring 2018
- Currently seeking a replanting proposal

2. 102-104 Project Proposal

- Proposal from Woodlands Manager for BT remediation and replanting - \$500-600
- Possibly an LSC and Owner Funded project?
- Erosion is a serious issue here due to unplanned removal of shrubs and plantings last fall
- Need an estimate for prevention of erosion

3. Grinding of stumps

- Recommendation from Woodlands Manager is to not grind the stumps unless it is a hindrance to replanting. Grinding is toxic.

4. Old Middleton Slope

- Purchase 3 water timers to continue watering this season

- Dylan sent a notice to adjacent neighbors to inform them of use of their water
- Owners will be reimbursed for water usage
- Susan Sweeney will coordinate pairs of volunteers to cover the season
- Ganshert recommended spraying the weeds on the slope rather than trying to dig them up

5. Mulching and Mowing

- Only entrances mulched this year
- Possibility of using our own leaves for mulch in the future
- Mowing will be less often and will leave the grass higher to prevent weeds

6. New “Illegal” Invasive

- Fig Butter Cup must be removed by Woodlands Manager who will report to DNR
- Posted on HWCA website
- Proposal to deliver picture and instructions to each unit

7. Ongoing Maintenance and Remediation Needs

- 5 other areas not already identified need remediation
- All remediated areas need maintenance
- Ongoing discussion regarding future funding for buckthorn remediation. It's noted that the remaining areas will require Association funding.
- Interviewing a groundskeeper candidate for a limited number of hours a week as a trial