

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 4, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm at the White residence (311 GTC). Present were: Hayden McCann (presiding), Suzy Buenger, Marc Silberman (note taker), Catherine Hanrahan, Pat White, John Schimmelman, Bill Olson, and Linda Baldwin / Vince Ohearn.

1. We toasted and welcomed our new neighbors Linda and Bill at 309 GTC.
2. Minutes of the Feb. 4, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Owing to snow cover, the spring walk around the property has been postponed for a month, until Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 pm (meet in front of the White residence, 311 GTC). This will be followed by the LSC meeting at 7:00 pm at the Buenger residence (315 GTC). **NOTE:** this is a potluck occasion, so please bring a dish to pass, or at least something to eat and/or drink!
4. Because the LSC chair, Hayden McCann, will be moving at the end of March, a new chair needs to be appointed, who must also be a member of the HWCA Board. The following motion was passed unanimously:
If the Board will find a current Board member to serve as the LSC chair, the LSC nominates Pat White to use her expertise and experience for organizing and implementing the LSC projects.
5. Hayden reported that the treatment of the emerald ash borer will be implemented. Mike Roarke has been contacted to begin the treatment on the 50 designated high value ash trees as well as the 20 additional ash trees that resident donors have "adopted".
6. John Schimmelman reported briefly on the plans for the 2nd phase of the Old Middleton Slope project. Trees have been marked for clearing to open the leaf canopy; this will allow in the light needed by the new spring plantings that will reinforce the hillside. John and/or Ganshert will be in touch with all the residents along OMR/GHR stretch to discuss sight lines and plantings. Residents are also reminded that the second installment for the restoration project will be due in April.
7. Hayden reminded the LSC that the residents at 117 GTR are concerned about the lack of ground cover and subsequent erosion around the rock swale behind the house and between it and the guest parking to their east. Before ground cover can be planted, buckthorn must be removed in order to allow in some light; both the Board and the neighbors need to agree to this removal. In this context, Bill noted that the Board is discussing ways to offer more incentives to homeowners for owner-funded proposals (i.e., partial compensation). This could be a test case for such a new policy.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.