

Newton Stewardship Minutes

December 20, 2017

8:30 am

Town Hall

The meeting came to order at 8:35 with members Mike Seekamp, Ted and Carolyn Pekalsky, Barbara DiBartolomeo and Mary Marshall present; Beverly and Ed Batchelder joined the meeting.

Ed presented plans for managing Hidden Acres:

Forestry - The wooded areas of the farm will remain as they have been in what under current use was categorized as 'unmanaged woodland.' The only cutting of wood that has been done since the Batchelders have owned the property have been to clean up trees that came down in the ice storm of '09'. There is at least one hardwood from the latest 'wind storm' that will also be taken care of.

Agriculture – The open space is now referred to as hobby farming. Ed will work with the extension service to have a site and soils plan composed before spring planting, May 1st.

Ed presented a written maintenance plan for the farm buildings. Attachment A

The committee review section A:3;A and A:3:C. It is the consensus of the committee that no Forestry Plan is required as no timber is being harvested from the farm. We will run this by Matt Burrill.

A motion to accept the LCHIP Report, made by Barbara DiBartolmeo, seconded by Mike Seekamp, passed unanimously.

A motion by Ted Pekalsky, seconded by Mike Seekamp, to continue the current officers through next year passed unanimously.

Carolyn Pekalsky moved, Barbara DiBart seconded, a motion to accept the minutes from November 2nd as corrected (typo). Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Pekalsky, Secretary

