

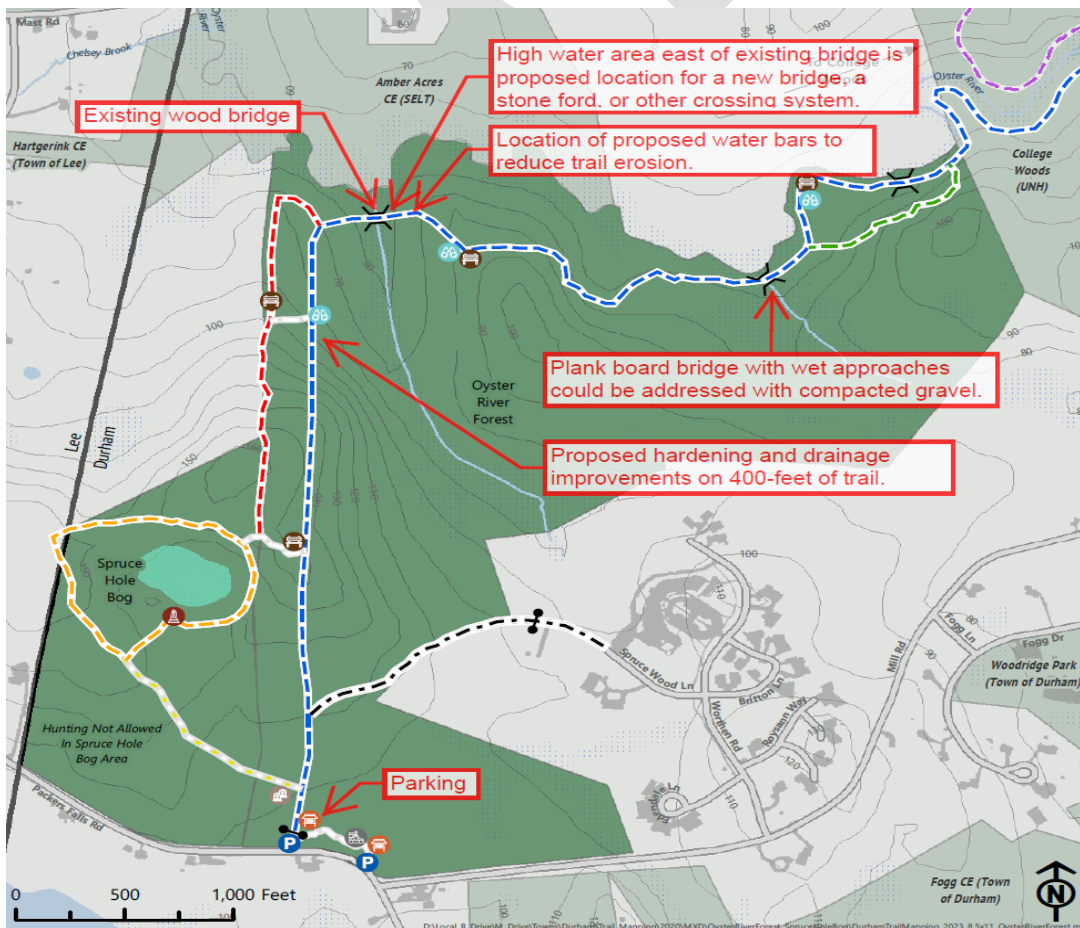
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE
Town Hall Chambers – 8 Newmarket Road
Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2024

Members Attending: Ann Welsh, Gale Carey, Neil Slepian, Darrell Ford, Myrta Janosz, Ted Howard, John Carroll, Carolyn Singer and Marty Gorham.

Absent: John Nachilly.

Also attending: Sara Callaghan and Veronique Ludington

1. The Meeting was called to order at 8:28am by Ann Welsh.
2. The meeting agenda was approved.
3. The minutes for the November 13, 2024 meeting were reviewed, edited and approved with four abstentions.
4. The Oyster River Forest November site walk and some of the land management priorities were discussed but no conclusions were reached or agreed upon. It was decided that we should ask Greg DiSanto from Martin Forestry Consulting, LLC to attend a LSSC meeting to discuss and help the members decide how best to proceed.



5. Veronique Ludington was introduced as the new Land Stewardship Coordinator.

6. Ted Howard discussed the Doe Farm site walk with Dr. Ali Kosiba. Ali is a forest ecophysiologicalist and Extension Assistant Professor of Forestry at UVM. Approximately 12 people attended. The goal of the site walk was to better understand how to manage the forest to help make it more resilient to the impacts of climate change, and how forest sequesters, stores and releases carbon. Ali also gave a talk at the Durham Public Library which can be viewed via DCAT Media on Demand on the town's website.

7. Reports from Committees

Town Council

The Town Council has included \$10,000 in the budget to address the Oyster River Forest Bridge.

The funds to survey the Meadows property have been removed from the budget.

The funds for the Land Stewardship Coordinator position are in the budget.

Conservation Commission

The CC is continuing work on the amendment to the Wetland and Shoreland Overlay District Zoning.

Agricultural Commission

The AC is working to encourage the home scale production of livestock including chickens, pigs, and goats.

Historic

The town has accepted a grant from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$286,600 to support and rehabilitate the Bickford-Chesley House at Wagon Hill Farm.

8. Other Updates

Todd Selig has signed a Trails Agreement with NH Fish and Game for trail use through the Beaudette parcel off Bennett Road.

Easement monitoring for the Oyster River Forest and Fogg properties scheduled to be completed before the end of this year.

9. The subcommittee adjourned at 10:11am.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 8, 2024 at 8:30 am in the Town Hall Chambers.