

1 get a permit to use Tyler Mill. Chairman Borne said this was an interesting concept. She
2 reported there have been 42 arrests since October 2010.

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4 2. DEP Recreational Trails Grant Program.

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6 a. Work progress-report, Trails Committee

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8 Ms. O'Hare said she sent a progress report/financial update to Don Roe, Program
9 Planner. She said work is progressing on Part A. The add-ons have not as yet been
10 processed. She said Ferrucci & Waliki were granted an extension to complete the work
11 from September 30 to October 31.

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13 b. Pink Trail – major crossing.

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15 Ms. O'Hare said she contacted the Public Utility Company to inquire about possibly
16 getting three 50 - foot utility poles from them for the crossing. She said she was told the
17 tallest poles they have are 45 feet and would not be able to deliver them on-site
18 because of the terrain, so they would have to be picked up.

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20 *Chairman Borne directed Ms. O'Hare to pursue the telephone pole idea and contact the*
21 *Risk Manager for an interpretation on the Town's liability if a bridge is installed in the*
22 *crossing.*

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24 c. Parking lots, entranceway, kiosks

25 Ms. O'Hare said she, Vice-Chair Heffernon, Mr. Roe, and Mr. McCully met to talk about
26 improving the entrance way to Tyler Mill and improving the parking lot at the old bridge
27 which is closed. Ms. O'Hare said Public Works will paint the guardrail on the bridge,
28 spray paint the bollards, put in a water bar to bring water from a small spring across to
29 the other side, and install stone near the beginning of the Pink Trail on the edge of
30 Maltby Lane. Ms. O'Hare said they had discussed fixing up the entrance to Tyler Mill
31 and the parking there. Work will continue on this matter.

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33 Regarding the required invasive species eradication work, it was decided work will focus
34 on multi-flora roses at the Red Trail close to the bridge area. Deer-resistant replacement
35 shrubs will be needed.

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37 3. Boundary marking – Nothing to report.

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39 Mr. Pietras arrived at this time.

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41 **B. Fresh Meadow Swamp at Cheshire Road**

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43 1. Trails Grant application – status

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45 Chairman Borne said Ms. O'Hare had looked into possibly pursuing the grant. Ms. O'Hare
46 said she met with Mr. Roe to discuss the grant application. She said Mr. Roe initially
47 dismissed applying for the grant, as there was inadequate time for the necessary
48 planning for this west side resource but after a DEP representative informed them the

1 grant was for a three-year period, it was decided to pursue the grant. Ms. O'Hare said
2 this trails grant would involve constructing a grass trail of which there are very few in
3 the State which is a plus.

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5 Ms. O'Hare indicated there is a grass trail in Haddam which the Commission may wish
6 to visit, called Bamforth Preserve. *She will circulate the date.*

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8 Vice-Chair Heffernon spoke about possibly looking at the butterfly garden at
9 Hammonasset Beach State Park which has some type of cloth over the trail, and using
10 that idea to cut down mowing the proposed grass trail. The Commission agreed to
11 supply a letter of support for the grant application.

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13 Vice-Chair Heffernon reported three Vo-Ag students planted swamp milkweed plants in
14 the Butterfly Meadow. Vice-Chair Heffernon had supplied the mulch for the project.

15 16 **C. Open Space Property at 75 Jenna Road**

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18 1. Trespass – dumping.

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20 Ms. O'Hare said she had sent a memo to the Law Department and it turns out this
21 dumping falls under the auspices of the litter ordinance. Ms. O'Hare contacted the
22 Community Police to follow up on this.

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24 Ms. Saunders reported a possible trespass at the recently acquired 22 Tamarack Swamp
25 Road property. *Ms. O'Hare will investigate.*

26 27 **D. Invasive Species Eradication**

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29 1. Long-term invasive species management program - update,
30 D. Saunders.

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32 Ms. Saunders said there is a possible new recruit who went through a dumptruck load of
33 bagged lawn waste, separated the contents which were not invasives, spread it into the
34 woods, bagged the rest and Public Works took it away.

35 36 **E. Volunteer Work Program** - report, K. Ryan – Nothing to report.

37 38 **4. MOWING – Status**

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40 Ms. O'Hare said Field 1B was not mowed, but Field 4C was mowed.

41 42 **5. SIGNAGE**

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44 Ms. Saunders will give the "Closed to All Motor Vehicle" signs to the Mayor's office for
45 Public Works to post at Fields 2A & 2B

46 47 **5. PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

1 **A. Report**

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3 Chairman Borne said the Town Planner sent a memo to the Conservation Commission
4 and the Land Trust stating there was a development with a large open space component
5 near Wildlife Drive. The open space was intended to go to a homeowners' association
6 which never happened.

7 Chairman Borne said the Town Planner wanted to know if the Conservation Commission
8 would be interested in this piece of property.

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10 **6. OPEN SPACE PLAN, 1999** – update, D. Saunders – Nothing to report.

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12 **7. PUBLIC OUTREACH**

13 **A. "Celebrate Open Space" Day, Ferguson Woods, report, M.**
14 **Heffernon**

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16 Vice-Chair Heffernon said one person from the public attended, she said the trails are in
17 good shape.

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19 **8. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM**

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21 **a. Lease Cycle 2012-2016** – Nothing to report.

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23 **b. Farmland Lease Committee – report, D. Saunders**

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25 Ms. Saunders reported she has handed out the mid-season monitoring report forms to
26 her Committee. She distributed the Committee report. She said amended leases need
27 to be prepared and sent to the Law Department; the bid specs need to be completed for
28 the sugar bush and the bid specs for Field 7A need to be approved, and the lease maps
29 need to be revised which the Committee is working on.

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31 Ms. O'Hare said the number one thing to do is the gear up for the one-year extension
32 of the current leases. *Ms. Saunders will get rough-map revisions to Ms. O'Hare by*
33 *August 22.*

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35 **9. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

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37 **A. USDA/NRCS "Helping to Install Conservation Practices On Your**
38 **Horse Farm."** – (Not distributed).

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40 **B. CACIWC Newsletter – "The Habitat" – Summer 2011 issue** – (To
41 be forwarded by mail).

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43 **10. NEXT MEETING – September 8, 2011**

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45 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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47 **MOTION: Vice-Chair Heffernon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46**
48 **p.m. The motion passed unanimously.**

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Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary