

Draft Minutes  
Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee  
June 1, 2010

Present at meeting in Wheelwright Room: *Nate Merrill, Peter Smith, Kathy Norton, Pete Richardson, Don Briselden, Kevin Smart, Ginny Raub, Kristen Murphy, Natural Resource Planner and Bill Campbell, Chairman*

The Chairman opened meeting by asking for additional comments on the prepared draft lease. Ms. Raub stated before submittal to the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission was to review the document. She did not know what or if any changes would be made at their regular monthly meeting on June 8.

Turning to the Raynes Farm Long Range Development plan, Mr. Campbell stated all actions are govern by the LCHIP agreement, Conservation and Warranty Deed.

In the Concept portion of LRD plan, the *Vision* paragraph states the citizens .....to enjoy and use for educational purposes in accordance with the established RF Management Plan. At this time no educational objectives are outlined. The Chairman felt there was the need to talk about guidelines or do we need an educational objective? Discussion focused on the desire to expand and if so there is the need for funding and more citizen involvement. Mr. Briselden felt the minimalist approach—the growing and harvesting of hay by a tenant farmer is probably optimal at present. Mr. Merrill stated the lack of housing (for both humans and animals) prevents the keeping of animals at the Farm. And he did not feel the barn was well suited to have active public access in and out of the barn. The need for more funding to restore barn was cited.

Mr. Richardson felt a 5 year budget be prepared and see what can be done. The reality is if Town has a commitment to maintain barn, funds needs to be forthcoming.

Some educational opportunities were discussed as possibilities including a history curriculum developed by/for local teachers and having a Barn Day once a year where the public can come and hear about the ongoing activities. Following further discussion, a motion to add an additional provision (#7) to the *Objectives* was made to read: ***To provide educational activities for school groups, historical organizations and other interested parties.*** Motion passed unanimously.

The items listed in the *Project Listing* of Development Plan were reviewed for status: those completed and projects remaining. As for removal of the silo, LCHIP will be contact for compatibility with program. Also LCHIP will be asked if there are grants available for roofing costs.

Mr. Smart reported the abandoned farm machinery originally on the knoll has been removed and sold.<sup>1</sup>

It was suggested to prepare a budget listing the expenses and also a list of short term and long term projects. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Briselden agreed to draft an update to the LRDP to reflect the educational component and a current project update for review at the next meeting.

There are no plans for a July meeting. Members will be advised of future meeting dates.

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<sup>1</sup> The Conservation Commission received a check for \$320 from the sale of equipment

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Raub, Secretary of ECC