

Community Forest Stewardship- Forest Planning Project Update - June 17, 2020

We have exciting news to share- the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant (Mass EEA Funding) has been extended until September 30, 2020. This extension provides valuable time for our team to develop the set of forest stewardship goals and objectives for Pelham Lake Park Forest based on your input.

With that in mind, we wanted to give an update on our outreach and listening efforts so far, and also a few important dates on the calendar for moving this forward.

1. The initial survey has been a success- 27 people responded. Based on this, we presented our review and summary of the survey results at the first Rowe Forest Stewardship Planning Workshop. We compiled a list of possible Goals and Objectives from your community and started a discussion on Sustainable Forestry Practices (**SFP's**) that might be useful towards the achievement of them.
2. The First Workshop was a success- we heard loud and clear about what people value and appreciate in the community forests.
3. We also presented an educational article in the Goal Post on the mechanics of Forest Stewardship Planning and the need for consensus, or at least inclusiveness, with the Goals, Objectives, and SFP's embedded into a Forest Stewardship Management Plan.
4. Our ongoing outreach work will involve the following steps:
 - a) This update in the Goal Post and on the Town's website.
 - b) A simple, short follow-up survey that asks for an up/down assessment of each possible Goal and Objective, and the SFP's that may help achieve them (**July 2020**).
 - c) Advertising for this second survey about Goals, Objectives, and SFP's for Rowe's use of Pelham Lake Park (**July 2020**)
 - d) The second Rowe Forest Stewardship Planning Workshop in which you assist us to finalize the Goals, Objectives, and Sustainable Forestry Practices that will be included in the final Forest Stewardship Management Plan will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 13th. Zoom information listed below.
 - e) A final Goal Post article that describes the final recommendations, goals, objectives, and SFPs to get us to them will be published in August.
 - f) Open communication with you as this work develops. Our email addresses are: wfrmanagement@gmail.com and abarrett@longviewforest.com. You can also call Mary Wigmore at 413.628.4594 with questions.
5. The first draft of the Forest Stewardship Management Plan for Pelham Lake Park is coming along. By late-July, the Park Commission will review the first draft.

- a. Then, access to these draft plans will be made available to the community via your Town website with a link for public comment.
 - b. Printed copies of the drafts will be available at Town Hall and the Park for review (if allowed within Phase 4 of Massachusetts re-Opening Guidelines).
 - c. In keeping with the spirit of community-based Sustainable Forestry Practices, we welcome and ask for your help in the completion of this important project.
6. Final draft of the Forest Stewardship Management Plan will be delivered to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for review and approval on September 30, 2020.

Thank you for our patience with us as we have learned who you are and what it is that you value about your forest. We are still relying on your guidance for the completion of a useful, implementable Forest Stewardship Plan based on your community vision.

Long View Forest-Alex Barrett

Wigmore Forest Resource Management- Mary K. Wigmore

For our Workshop on August 13 at 7:00pm- Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95507633455>

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