

HOLDEN TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PROPERTY BOUNDARIES

The forester will mark the property boundaries on the ground using existing maps and deed references. Common property lines with the DCR parcels are already marked. If property boundaries can not be determined with existing data, future funding will be sought for any needed survey work.

MAIN ENTRANCE

1. Construct a parking area at the main entrance located across from 120 Harris Street. Use existing boulders for parking limits and/or aesthetics.
2. Construct an informational kiosk displaying the history of the site, Town Forest Map and Trail Map, consider naming the trails
3. Design and post a new sign at the main entrance
“Holden Town Forest” – “Holden Conservation Commission”
4. Purchase and install pet friendly sign, “pick up after your dog” and doggie waste bags.

TRAILS

1. Complete the trail mapping with the CMRCP. Determine the locations of any new proposed trails and co-ordinate the work with the DCR
2. Maintain existing trails; identify any problem areas and construct foot bridges/stabilize any areas in need.
3. Maintain the main logging road/fire lane (Holden Fire/DPW)
4. All existing and new trails are to be blazed
5. Prepare and print trails maps for the Forest and make them readily available i.e on the Town’s website, main kiosk, recreation department.

INVENTORY/BIRD HABITAT ASSESSMENT

1. Complete the 10-year plan, forest inventory (stand descriptions) bird habitat assessment and management recommendations.
2. Invasive plants and animals, ID and provide management recommendations
3. ID wildlife species currently utilizing the property and make recommendations for habitat creation/ improvements for key bird species.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Advertise the 10 year stewardship plan on the Town’s FB Page, websites etc.. Provide a link to the Stewardship Plan where the public can provide input.
2. Reach out to knowledgeable residents, hikers, bikers etc... to get more information on the forest