

# LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 4, 2016

Attending: Mitsey Baker, Pam Lavoie, Mandy Meyer, Becky Piecewicz, Lyn McElwee

Absent: Charlotte Kahn, Sue Spaulding

NEXT MEETING 9AM JULY 24 at Lyns

Mandy Meyer and Becky Piecewicz both agreed to stay on for another 3-year term (2019)

Minutes from last season reviewed. Pam will make report to Board at Annual Meeting on August 4. Lyn will provide notes from meetings in a report format for her to read and submit.

Contact Board to know who will be replacing RonTosier as CEO and how to be in touch

Reports on ongoing projects:

**Island Paths-** Becky reported that Steamer Dock path has been trimmed back and she intends to add mulch. Also checked the Maiden Lane path and it is clear.

Discussed how to find out which paths need attention. Decided to put note up at Store letting people know to contact Landscape Committee if they encounter fallen trees, overgrown areas etc on their favorite paths.

Will get with Sue Spaulding to help map existing island paths.

**Invasive Species and Pest Control-** Becky mentioned increased problem with purple loosestrife. Decided each committee member should be on the lookout for patches and take action. Ultimately pull out roots but if can't, cut flowers so they can't go to seed.

Discussed Browntail and possible ways to limit or eradicate. Children have been sent to hospital with severe reactions. Time for island to take active role in problem? Mandy contacted Clarkes from Sow & Pigs. They used a ladder to cut down nests. Not a feasible option for Bustins. Lyn mentioned hearing about something put at the base of trees. Next step to contact Sue Spaulding for ideas.

**Erosion Control-** Pam showed island stabilization report and shared Leland experience with terracing unstable areas. Discussed coastal bluff map which rates shoreline stability.

Discussed ways of informing/educating owners in highly unstable areas of their options for erosion control. Further discussion at next meeting.

Committee has selected Sunset Rock area (rated highly unstable) for 2016 erosion control project. Viewed and decided that cleanup and trimming as well as planting northern bayberry, maplewood viburnum and clethra along eroded banks would help shore up area. Becky and Lyn will trim. Mitsey will look into cost of plants and make a proposal to the board.

**Golf Course Outhouse-** Lyn to purchase and plant hydrangea, rhododendron or viburnum bushes to provide privacy and soften the look of the outhouse. She will purchase plants and present receipt to Tony DeBruyn by July 8 to get it into this year's \$250 budget.

**Monarch Butterfly Project-** Mandy reported some milkweed seeds planted in 2015 have come up and fresher seeds will be planted this year. Many plants have been spotted and areas around the island including Leland back year, Kitchens and Brewer cottage have been selected to grow the plants.

Planting Project for kids (and adults) is planned for week of July 11. Mandy will advertise project on Store and Island broadcast. Monarch butterfly story will be part of education, pictures will be taken and a report will be placed in the Landscape log binder for public viewing.

**Unsightly Areas-** across from golf course has building material waste, a trailer full of junk and there is a dingy on the actual golf course property. Pam will check with Rob to know how best to request the areas be taken care of.

Other:

Mitsey will propose a \$500 budget request for the Outhouse and Sunset Rock erosion projects.

Landscape Log- Pam and Mitsey to put together a binder which displays landscape information, allows people to make comments, raise questions and shows the results of our projects. Will be placed in Post Office lobby for public viewing.

Landscape Map- Lyn to prepare map as committee tool which shows shore reserve, shoreline stability ratings by lot and island paths. Ongoing project.