

# RGT Stewardship Plan: Bates Sanctuary

## 1. Property and Year: Donald H. Bates Sanctuary, 2015

### 2. Last Year

#### a. Goals Last Year and Accomplishments:

1. Create a property committee involving both RGT Board members and the immediate neighbors (who have been very involved in helping during this first year).

Accomplished: committee has not met except to monitor the property Nov 3, but 5 Board members involved in the property, and both immediate neighboring households.

2. Repair the bog bridges on the former M-M (white dot) trail so that the Shutesbury Road access can be encouraged.

Accomplished: completed this year with help of Leverett Trails Committee members (strong members). Materials paid for by RGT.

3. Work with the neighbors to complete the trail through the Campbell property to the Knoll Trail.

Not accomplished. Tree has been cut but trail not done.

4. Build and install a memorial bench to Donald H. Bates on the knoll.

Accomplished. The bench is much nicer than had been anticipated thanks to Mary Barnett's elegant work on the board selected by Mary and Joan Godsey from the North Leverett sawmill.

5. Monitor the property and the trails.

Accomplished. Trails well used (evidence of some use by ATV).

#### b. Anticipated Budget Last Year and Actual Costs:

Anticipated cost of materials for bog bridges and bench = \$400.

Actual cost: bog bridges (\$759.10) + bench (99.56) = 858.66

### 3. Goals for this year:

- a. Continue monitoring status of trails and property. (Since trails are well used make sure that users report problems.)
- b. Delay plans for trail from Campbell property for a year.
- c. Work with RGT Board and neighbors on ATV policy/practice.

4. Activities planned to meet those goals (and timeline):

Official monitoring in the fall.

Discussion with Board and neighbors about ATV policy - winter.

Quarterly email to committee to update on status - and ideally some walks together to just enjoy the property.

5. Anticipated costs (both on-going and for this next year only):

none

6. Plan completed by: Monitoring committee in discussion during walk November 3, 2014.  
Draft copy sent Nov 4.

Signed:

Date signed:

I have asked to present this report at the next RGT Board Meeting

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