

RGT Stewardship Plan

1. Property and Year: **Ellamoose Repose, 2015**

2. Last Year

a. Goals Last Year & Accomplishments:

- To develop a plan for Ellamoose Repose that, while recognizing the horses will continue to be a problem, focuses on ways to provide the community with access to a lovely property.

SO FAR SO GOOD

- To maintain the present landscape pattern: front meadow
second double-meadow
forested area (both wet & dry forests)

(Greg Rawls will continue to mow, he will lime and fertilize at his expense if he has time and will mow hiking paths in the meadows.) **DONE**

- To re-mark the borders including new gps readings (only NW border not repainted/signed) **DONE**
- To map the ceremonial stones on the Property. **NOT YET DONE**
- To open the property to the public by designing and building a loop trail. **DONE**
- To eventually connect the Ellamoose Trail to Rattlesnake Hill and thus to trails in the Rattlesnake Gutter area. (May want to move this "eventually" to this year if the Jensen property is funded at town meeting.) **STILL WORKING ON THIS**

b. Anticipated Budget Last Year & Actual Costs:

\$100 anticipated, \$60 actual

3. Goals for this year:

- **To maintain the present landscape pattern:** front meadow
second double-meadow
forested area (both wet & dry forests)

Greg Rawls will continue to mow/brushhog front & back pastures, maintaining a mown path linking the property's Cave Hill Road entrance to the forest trail entrance on the east side of the southern back pasture.

Considering the beneficial effects of lime treatments during recent years, we propose to support another year of liming by Greg, leaving fertilizer treatment at his expense should he so choose.

- **To map ceremonial stones on the Property.**
- **To extend the current Ellamoose Trail into the forest area's eastern half where topographic relief is steeper, with appropriate signage.**
- **To connect the Ellamoose Trail to Rattlesnake Hill and thus to trails in the Rattlesnake Gutter area.**
- **To connect the Ellamoose property to trails in the newly established Cave Hill Conservation Area.**

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

- **If approved by the RGT Board, Greg Rawles will lime pastures in the fall of 2014.**
- **Mapping stone structures and extending the trail network, to occur as possible during the coming year.**

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

liming pastures (Greg Rawles): \$825 to \$1320 depending on extent (front only or both)
\$ 50 signage for trail extension

6. Plan completed by: **Jimmy Grogan, Eva Gibavic, Julie Collier, Mary Alice Wilson**



Signed:

Date signed: 09/17/2014

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