

Rattlesnake Gutter Trust, Annual Monitoring Report

Portia Weiskel Conservation Restriction, Putney Road
September 11, 2008

Present: Eva Beth Gibavic and Mary Alice Wilson (Rattlesnake Gutter Trust). Portia Weiskel (owner) was not able to join us.

This is the first year that Eva has participated in RGT Monitoring. And, for the first time, we walked around all edges of the property looking for the markers mentioned in the survey. Eva took GPS points so the RGT map could be more accurate.

We parked near the memorial garden and so began with the southeast corner. The survey does not indicate a marker on that corner - nor we did not find one. The corner is approximately where the green utility box is located.

There are two markers along the east/street-side line. The first, a stone bound, was found one winter, but was not visible in the grass this time. The second, a drill hole in one of the large rocks before the right-of-way, was protected by poison ivy.

The northeast corner begins at the stone wall; we did not find the iron pin. We did find a stone bound approximately half-way down the stone wall line and found the corner near the pond where the western stone wall begins, but did not find the pin at that northwest corner. Again, the poison ivy was busy protecting its friend.

The western line is clearly marked by the stone wall, even in places where it has tumbled down. We found the southwest corner iron pin under a fallen tree. We walked the south line along the wooden fence.

The fields themselves have been mowed this year are thriving - as is the community garden. It is always a pleasure to visit the property and know it is protected for the citizens of Leverett.

Mary Alice Wilson and Eva Beth Gibavic, September 15, 2008