

**Rattlesnake Gutter Trust
Monitoring Report**

Property/Conservation Restriction Name: Tom and Portia and Shelburne Weiskel Conservation Restriction

Date of visit(s): September 8, 2010 CR? yes Owned by RGT? _____

IF CR please complete this information, if owned property skip to #1:

Current owner(s): Portia Weiskel
Address: 11 Putney Road, Leverett, MA 01054
Telephone: 413-548-9737
Email:
Local Contact if different from owner:

1. In preparation for the visit

- a. date of previous visit: October 23 and 27, 2009
- b. special concerns listed from previous visits that need to be checked

none

c. IF CR, was the land owner contacted prior to monitoring? (if yes, give date and whether by phone, email, etc; if not, why not?)

yes, the day before. Unable to attend, but available if we had questions.

2. Participants attending site visit (IF CR include land owner if present):

Eva Gibavic, Mary Alice Wilson

3. Please use monitoring map (attached) to

- a. show the path of the visit (clockwise from SE corner to west line, up north line, then down road to gardens, along west line (stone wall) to opening in wire fence, south through pasture and then to road near SE corner)
- b. mark any issues brought up in this report. (none)
- c. suggest changes in information on next year's map (none)

4. Describe any man-made alterations since the last monitoring visit. Describe extent, location, purpose, and person responsible (if known). Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful. (Be sure to check roadside areas for possible dumping/disturbance.)

more clearing and work on invasive species, community garden area thriving

5. Describe natural alterations since previous visit (effects of flood, fire, insect infestation, ice damage, etc.) Note extent and location. Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful.

none noticed

6. Describe any interactions (on day of site visit or in past year) with landowner or others having use of the land.

brief discussion (Mary Alice and Portia) on September 7 about planned visit included helpful information from Portia about controlling invasives by constant cutting and interplanting with other species.

7. IF CR, describe any information that property will be transferred, leased, or sold. Are any changes in use being planned?

none planned

8. List observations, comments, management needs, information requests, areas needing discussion or review:

There are no problems. Each year this property seems to be more inviting, more productive, more gracious (that may seem like a strange word, but it applies to this property).

As Portia mentioned, the view from Putney Road (and town) would be improved if Congregational Church did some cutting/trimming. The CR property itself is fine.

9. List any needed follow-up

none

10. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Enjoy this wonderful place. (We have broken with the tradition of monitoring on the hottest day of summer.)

(map and 5 photographs attached)

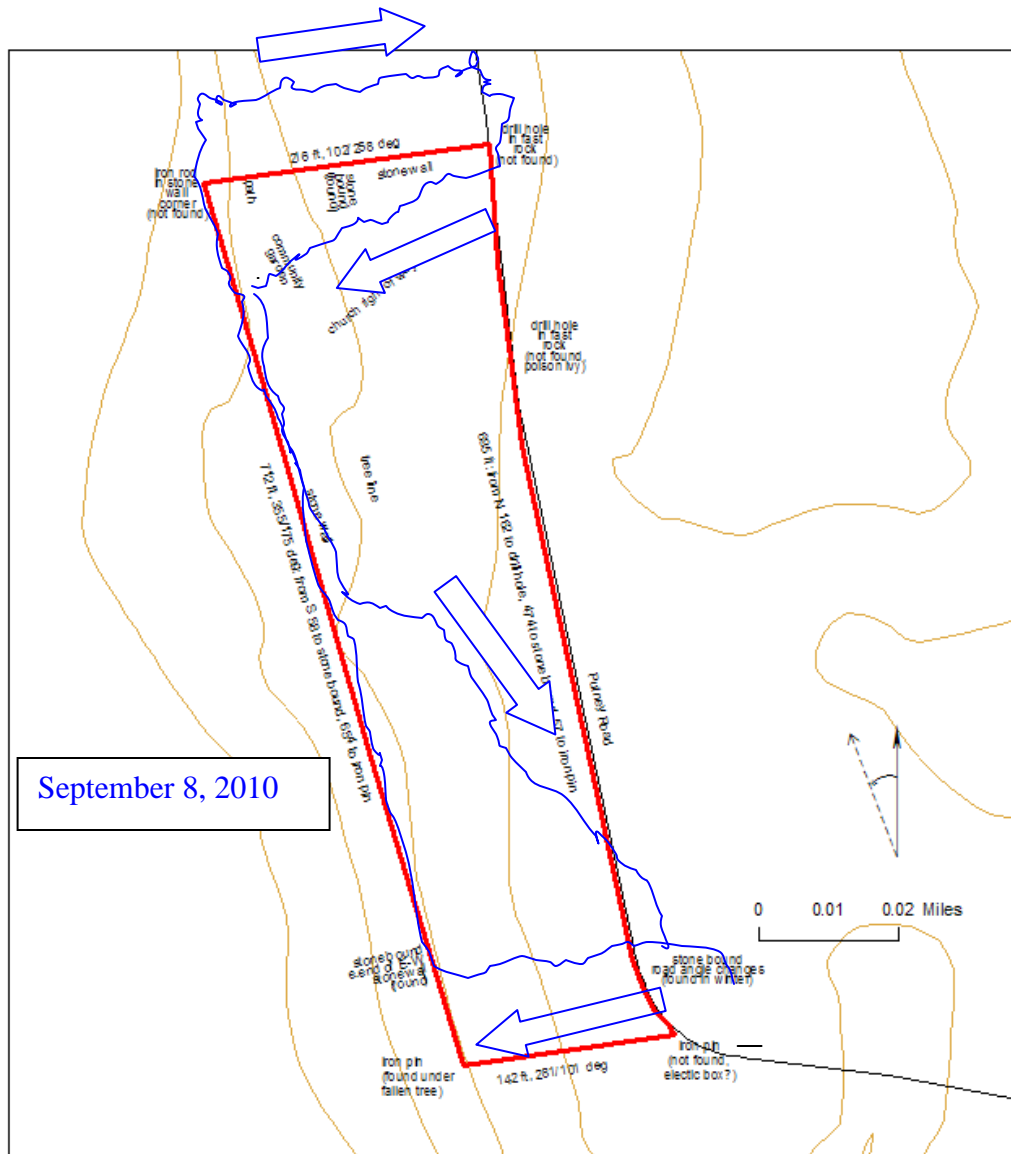
Signed _____ date _____

Date report submitted to RGT Board for Review: _____

Date report placed in Field Notebook? _____

Date second copy brought to Board Meeting for Archive Notebook? _____

IF CR, date third copy sent to owner ? _____



Tom and Portia and Shelburne Weiskel CR for Monitoring

north line from west/pond end: iron pin at intersection of stone walls (not found); stone bound separating lots to north (found); drill hole in fast rock by road (not found) NE corner 42.4544, -72.5025

east line (along road): from drill hole to second drill hole in fast rock (found once); to stone bound at end of straight road (found in winter, under fence line) this marks end of parcel D/beginning partial Parcel E (PB 13, p.80); to iron pin half-way along curve in road (assume electric wires box). SE corner 42.4526, -72.5020

south line: from electric box just south of wooden fence to stone iron pin (found under large fallen tree). SW corner 42.4525, -72.5026

west line/pondside church property: from iron pin to stone bound at east end of small stone wall (divides parcel D from section of parcel E); continues in straight line along stone wall to northwest corner. NW corner 42.4543, -72.5034

1. Stone stake in stone wall on west boundary

(IP at SW never found; drill hole at NW corner never found, but stone wall marks west line, Putney Road marks NW and intersection with N-S stone wall marks SW corner)

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2. Community gardens from the church-access road looking west across Leverett Pond.

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3. Community gardens from the church-access road looking north. Gardens thrived during this very dry summer.

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4. View of pasture (goats and sheep barely visible in photograph). Looking NE toward the fence along Putney Road.

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5. View of the pasture from near the SE corner looking north. The fence bordering Putney Road (west boundary) is on the right.

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Note all photographs taken on September 8, 2010 by Mary Alice Wilson using an iphone.