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Site Walk / September 11, 2018

A Site Walk was conducted on 9/11/18 by the members of the Essex Conservation Commission. Members in attendance were: Kay Tucker, Frank Hall, Adrienne Forrest, Jim O'Brien, Roger Field and Rich Helmecki. The Site Walk began at 10:05 am and ended at 11:50 am. Members met at the Passive Parking Area at the end of Cedar Grove Terrace. Notice of Site Walk Inspection was posted and read at start of Site Walk.

The following observations and recommendations were made:

- 1) There is a need for more trail markers at the entrance of Upland Woods Trail (White-#6) at ROW road. The entrance to the Upland Woods Trail-#6 should be shown on the ROW road as being East of the Gate.
- 2) There is a large rock that appears to look like a snake head on the Upland Woods trail-#6 about halfway to the Turtle Nesting Trail-#2. It is recommended that the rock be marked by a sign.
- 3) It was observed that the Turtle Nesting Area is incorrect on current map. It is located to the south of Turtle Nesting Trail (Red-#2).
- 4) The detour around what is known as Beaver Pond (which should be shown as a wetland) that leads from Boardwalk-#1 to Turtle Nesting Trail-#2 should be indicated on the map as #1A.
- 5) It is recommended that Observation Rock Trail be designated #1A and have a new color.
- 6) It is recommended that Observation Rock Trail be extended to Broadwalk-#1.
- 7) It is recommended that a new trail running E from Observation Rock Trail (approximately halfway from Turtle Nesting Trail to Observation Rock to Broadwalk be created and marked.

- 8) Note that updated trail map should show that Cedar Grove Terrace dead ends at ROW road. Going west from RT 9 overpass, road to right becomes Hillside Ave and road to left becomes Cedar Grove Terrace Ext.

Please note attached the Viney Hill Brook Preserve map and the locations of the above noted recommendations. These recommendations will be discussed at the regular Commission meeting on 9/13/18.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Hall, Secretary