

Schenck's Island Merwin Meadows Study Committee

Site Walk – Feb 11, 2017

9:00am – Schenck's Island

Attendees:

Committee Members: Dan Berg, Sarah Gioffre, John Priest, Peter Gaboriault, Susan DiLoreto, Andrea Preston

Guests: Jeff Yates – Trout Unlimited

Absent with notice: Ben Couch, Jade Hobson

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Berg at 9:03am

The group walked the perimeter of Schenck's Island, and discussed potential locations for community gathering, natural topography, the existing location of underground power and sewer, the current state of the meadow, and the dividing line between town and land trust property. Mr. Yates pointed out a number of features of the river, including riverbank erosion and restoration projects. The group noted the ash die-off and discussed the town's existing plan to remove the dead and dying trees and replant.

The group reconvened at Merwin Meadows. Discussion covered the existing barn, playground, ball fields, bathhouse structure, potential parking lot reconfiguration for the NRV, and use of the pond by residents, non-residents, town-run camps and other organizations. Mr. Yates discussed riverbank restoration efforts that have occurred and explained the flooding history with the confluence of the Norwalk River and Comstock Brook.

Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. DiLoreto. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 10:33am.

