FARMER’S PILE? WHAT IS IT?
Subdivision proposed March 2014

P & S August 2014

Closing November 2014

RULES FOR VISITORS
- Preserve and parking are closed sunset to sunrise - POLICE TAKE NOTICE
- Observe boundary signs. Do not trespass on the surrounding private properties

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
- Disturbing archaeological and sacred sites, stone walls, cellar foundations, dams, mill sites, grave sites, and other constructions
- Metal detecting, digging or removing objects, minerals, trees, shrubs, and vegetation
- Motorized vehicles, bicycles, horses, hunting, dumping and trash disposal, fires and camping, alcoholic beverages, dogs unless leashed or under immediate voice command of handler

INCIDENT REPORTING
Report incidents, trespassers, or rule violators to the Hopkinton Police (401) 977-7750. Take photos and get names if possible.
WORKING WITH FEDS

An Overview of Municipal and Tribal Powers Under the National Historic Preservation Act

Anne Marie Garti, Esq.
June 17, 2017

Cultural Bias: No CSLs on National Register of Historic Places in the 26 states east of Mississippi River
Preservation through Bylaws and Ordinances

Tools and Techniques for Preservation Used by Communities in Massachusetts

May 6, 2003

Sam Lovejoy
“My ancestors were New England farmers and they didn't build these structures. Who is left if you don't believe it was Irish monks?” Paul Loether, Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places
Memorandum of Understanding for Manitou Hassannash Preserve  DEC 2017

Tribal Historic Research of CSL, RISHPO MPL Submission, Joint Management Plan

By this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the Hopkinson Land Trust, the above referenced THPOs and their designated survey associates shall define and certify a ceremonial stone landscape as a ceremonial stone landscape by the THPOs. Further, under this MOU, the Narraganset Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office (NITHPPO) shall remain the main point of contact.

SCOPE:

Task 1 of this Understanding shall be the completion of tribal historic research to confirm Indigenous land use and to define and certify the episodes and character of “Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscape” features within the 14 acre Manitou Hassannash Preserve.

Task 2 of this Understanding shall be to assist the Hopkinson Land Trust prepare for submission to the RI SHPO in the National Register of Historic Places – Multiple Property Listing under the category “Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast”.

Task 3 of this Understanding shall be to collaboratively develop a management plan for Manitou Hassannash Preserve.

WHEREAS, the four Tribal Historic Preservation Offices have preliminarily confirmed the presence of ceremonial stone landscape elements within the Manitou Hassannash Preserve,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hopkinson Land Trust hereby enters a collaborative relationship with the THPOs of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Muhagan, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Narraganset Indian Tribe to survey and certify the CSL, if present, to assist with the application process for the National Register of Historic Places and to develop a management plan that honors and preserves the CSL;

NOW, THEREFORE, by their signatures and dates of signing hereon below, the Hopkinson Land Trust and the THPOs hereby agree to detail and complete by Anusa Memorandum of Agreement (MOA’s) the Tasks 1, 2 and 3, as cited above.

.................................................................................. Hopkinson Land Trust
.................................................................................. Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
.................................................................................. Mashantucket Pequot
.................................................................................. Muhagan
.................................................................................. Narragansett
Multiple Property Listing

“Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast”
CLG GRANT APPLICATION TO RIHPHC DEC 2017

Survey and historically document MHP

5. Project description. Describe the project in detail, identifying the sponsor and its purpose.

Project: The Hittites Harondaz Tax collection 14 acres of road-splash forest distinguished by a remarkable abundance of pitted stone features, recognized by local Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) as being of high cultural significance, while viewed by some professional archaeologists within agricultural contexts. The Hopkinton Land Trust (HLT) purchased this property in 2014, becoming the owner of multiple stakeholders and signaling local commitment to preserving cultural resources that have been under recognized by historic preservation initiatives. Now, management concerns have turned to research, documentation, and communication. During a recent on-site meeting (10/27/2017), regional THPOs (Narragansett, Mohegan, Makah, and Wampanoag of Clay Pond (Aquinnah)), the HLT, the Hopkinton Historical Association (HHA) and the RIHPHC agreed to partner development of an XNSP nomination under the ‘Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes’ of the Northeast multiple properties cover. Acknowledging that multiple lines of research are needed to inform evaluations of this property’s eligibility, the project will address the significance of the stone features. Pursuant to the fact that the project that will be submitted under the ‘Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast’ multiple properties cover, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from the Wampanoag of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Narragansett, Mohegan, and Wampanoag Tribes will be consulting in order to confirm that this stone landscape meets the criteria for being included under that Indigenous cover.

The project will document and Tribal historic and Tribal ownership history, if available. The project will further the colonial and post-colonial ownership and use of the property through archival review; produce historical and contemporary property maps, and assess existing conditions. Richard Pennell, HPA President, provides an excellent foundation with his publication “Along Leesott Foster Road: A History of the Annis Farms and Families.” He will be a key consultant for locating relevant archival sources, such as day books, census records, court records, aerial photographs, private records, and town records.

The research will include production of a baseline GIS map that locates stone features in addition to other cultural features already known to exist or immediately adjacent to the property, including Leesott Foster Road, a historic cut path, stone walls, and the Thomas Brigham’s farm ground (HHP). Thus, a title search will be conducted to reconstruct the property’s chain of ownership. Current boundary will be compared against that information to reconstruct the property’s position in historical context. This information will be used to produce a series of Indigenous cultural maps documenting ceremonial stone features as well as historical maps that will depict landscape features (e.g., cut paths, houses, mills) on immediately surrounding properties as well as historic maps and foot and ear-laid LiDAR. Biographical data from the Monitor Harondaz Preserve’s past owners, occupants, and users will be examined, which may further help reconstruct changing land use over time. A local and regional context will be developed to articulate the property within a dynamically evolving meso-scale and macroeconomy where common permits included fencing, quarrying, forest product management, and industrial production. As environmental conditions of the property, as it currently exists, will be included because it is proposed to reflect past use.

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with the four partner THPOs, the project will work with the partner THPOs to evaluate the property’s historical or cultural significance of the pitted stone features. This project is being conducted with full respect to the partner THPOs who will contribute additional documentation during the THPO’s knowledge and epistemology. The results of this project will be submitted as a report that meets the NPS, the RIHPHC standards and Guidelines for Archaeological and Historic Preservation as well as NHPA, 36 CFR Part 908.1. A draft will be submitted to THPOs for 60 day review and comment period. After accounting for those review and editing the document accordingly, the report will be final and redistributed to the partner organizations. In short, the report will provide the Hopkinton Land Trust with historic context that is useful for developing a management plan. In the long term, it will offer ready documentation for the preservation of an XNSP nomination that may acknowledge and promote appreciation of this landscape according to multiple dimensions of historical, ceremonial, and cultural significance.
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April 13-15 2018
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Interpreting New England lithic sites and their cultural context 1964 - 2018
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SCHEDULE of EVENTS
Subject to change.

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