

LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
July 09, 2002 Minutes
@ Town Hall

Members Present:

Ellen O_Brien Cushman	Chairman, Cemetery Commission Representative
Andy Healy	McLean Hospital Appointee
Stephen Kidder	McLean Hospital Appointee
Lauren Meier	Belmont Citizen Appointee
Michele Gougeon	McLean Hospital Appointee
Richard Pichette	Historical District Commission Rep.

Others Present: Senior Planner, Tim Higgins _ Office of Community Development, Bob Gallant - Implementation Committee, Magnus Snorrason - NEMBA, Wesley Ward - The Trustees Reservation (TTOR), Ellen A. Stevens - Belmont Land Trust, Martha Moore - M.O.S.A.

7:00 p.m. There being a quorum, the meeting was opened by Chairman Ellen O_Brien Cushman.

Ms. Cushman reminded those present that the intent of the meeting was to determine if the Town should proceed with a grant application to perform remedial work on a portion of the trail system at the McLean hospital. The grant would be through the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Recreational Trails Program Grant Program. Work would be done on the "Pine Allee" and on the trail from the Pine Allee to Mill Street. She asked Mr. Higgins for an update.

Tim Higgins said that he had spoken with the Program Director, Peter Brandenburg from DEM about the proposed scope of work. Mr. Brandenburg said the project was suitable for the Program and that he was personally familiar with the site, as he had bicycled there in the past. He sounded enthusiastic. Mr. Higgins also noted that there was sufficient time for the Office of Community Development (OCD) to complete the application. It must be post-marked by July 26th. He would retain the services of the Cecil Group to detail the specific improvements, as they are familiar with the site. They would also produce a plan and cost estimate as required by the DEM application guidelines. Cecil is aware of the time constraints and can commit to completing their work in time to submit the paperwork. The costs would be in the target \$8,000 - \$10,000 range.

Gene Record on behalf of the Judy Record Fund, pledged his support both financially and substantively to the process. They would be pleased to put up the "cash match" of approximately twenty (20) percent and would assist in the preparation of the paperwork if needed. Mr. Record also offered to help finance professional grant writing assistance should that be deemed necessary. The Committee thanked Mr. Record but agreed that

with Mr. Higgins advice that the Office of Community Development could pull together a quality job on the grant application on time.

Lauren Meier raised the question of what comes first from a budget standpoint. In other words do we have to first figure out exactly what we intend to allow by way of activities e.g. bikes, presence on the site etc. and then come up with a budget or do we come up with a budget first and then see what we can afford? A general discussion followed. Afterwards, it was agreed that a viable application could be submitted within the application deadline without actually designating permitted trail uses. Therefore, it was unanimously voted to have Tim Higgins proceed with filing the application for the grant. He is to coordinate closely with Gene Record.

The committee members agreed to offer their immediate comments on the application once forwarded by Mr. Higgins.

Other business:

Tim Higgins noted that the environmental report on the North Meadow debris removal has been received from McLean_s consultant, REM Serve. It has been forwarded to the Town_s consultant, Weston & Samson Engineers for a peer review. He will continue to monitor this issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2002