

McLean Land Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2007

The meeting convened at 7:15 pm at the Town Hall, Auditorium

Members present: Ellen O'Brien Cushman (Chair), Carla Moynihan, Wes Ward, Martha Moore, Michele Gougeon, Richard Pichette and Steve Kidder. Andy Healy and Frank Keefe were not present.

Others present: See attached list

Purpose of Meeting - Presentation by Pressley Associates of Recommended Trail Plan

1. Ellen Cushman provided a brief introduction of the trails process, introducing Gary Claiborne of Pressley Associates.

" This is the second in a series of four planned meetings on the trails topic. This presentation is being videotaped by Belmont Media Center and will be broadcast throughout the week on Ch. 8.

" Ellen is writing a guest perspective for the Belmont Citizen Herald this week and has asked for coverage of the upcoming meetings.

" Ellen referred to the assessment document that had been distributed by email and placed on the LMC webpage. Tonight's presentation materials will be added within a day or two.

" Additional meetings scheduled:

" 9/20/07 at 7 pm Selectmen's meeting room - to receive public comments

" 9/25/07 at 7 pm Community Room, Chenery Middle School for LMC to consider and vote to incorporate comments to develop final trails plan

" If additional meetings are required, prepared to extend

" Only clarifying questions will be permitted tonight, no explanatory questions or topical discussions. All questions and comments will be addressed at the next meeting.

" Gene Record requested that the trailheads be numbered or named for ease of discussion and analysis. All agreed and the plans will be revised to reflect this.

2. Gary Claiborne of Pressley Associates presented the four main Trail System Recommendations:

" Trail by trail analysis of existing conditions, goals, recommended actions

" Emergency access points and trails per the request of the Fire Chief.

" Trails that could be made "accessible" per National Forestry Service standard

" Trails that could be considered multi-use, i.e. used by both pedestrians and bicyclists.

3. Ellen indicated that comments will be accepted through September 24th and can be sent by email, provided the address. She referred all to the website: town.belmont.ma.us under McLean Land Management Committee

The meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Gougeon
Member, McLean Land Management Committee