

McLean Land Management Committee Meeting Minutes

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LMC Members in attendance: Steven Kidder, Ellen O'Brien, Wes Ward, Michele Gougeon, Andy Healy, Richard Pichette, Martha Moore, Harlan Carere

Residents in attendance: Kit Dreier, Dix Campbell, Gene Record, Anne Paulsen, Tom Grimble, Jeanne Mooney

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Maintenance Subcommittee: Ellen and Mary Trudeau have met to discuss Mary's taking on certain maintenance tasks. Ellen will schedule a meeting with Mary and Glenn to finalize the arrangements.

Access Subcommittee: Kit Dreier circulated photographs showing kiosks similar to those planned. There will be two Lexan panels that lock. The Record Fund will give the two main kiosks to the Town. Locations for these have been identified on the open space near the cell tower and at a fork in the paths near the Mill Street crossing of the Greenway Trail. Ellen suggested that the old farm gate entrance on Concord Avenue be used to create access rather than the cemetery entrance. Kit's carpenter's price quote is 1695\$ per kiosk, installed. The work will probably be done mid-summer. A motion made to accept the gift from the Record Fund was unanimously approved. Ellen will obtain copies of the rules from Liz Allison.

Requests: The insect sampling project is approved and is ongoing at this time. In addition, Joan Teebagy would like permission to place a beehive to the left of the barn. Wes explained that honeybees are not native pollinators, and are not generally permitted on TTOR properties, but stated that the beehives could provide an educational function for visitors and would not harm the local ecology. He suggested Joan be asked to place a sign explaining a bit about the hive including her contact info, and also that she be asked to give an informational talk. Abutters should also be notified if the project moves ahead. The LMC felt strongly that Ms. Teebagy should: indemnify the Town; provide proof of adequate insurance; prepare and post an educational sign about her activities as well as the hives. If she agrees to provide these, the LMC will: notify the neighbors within the customary 240

ft radius of the activity; on a yearly basis, review and vote to continue, alter or cancel the activity. Anne Paulsen will talk to Joan to see if she wishes to proceed given the requirements. If she still wants to proceed, Ellen will write her a letter asking for the indemnification.

Trail 8: All in attendance reviewed and discussed the designation of usage for Trail 8. Rich Pichette made the motion that Trail 8 be considered Multi-use and that the LMC should review this designation again in one year (August/Sept of 2011). The LMC vote: 5 votes for multi-use of Trail 8, 3 votes for pedestrian-only use of Trail 8.

Result: Trail 8 is designated multi-use, the LMC will review the designation in one year. The labeling and trails/blazes, especially for areas with potential line of sight issues, will be the responsibility of the Trails and signage committee, new chairman needed.

Naming: For the next meeting, Ellen will draft the proposed "press release" for the news agencies to invite participation and suggestions from the public for name of the property, the various sectors of the property, trails, etc. Basically, treat the suggestions as brainstorming ideas, not a contest or a decision-making exercise. Ellen has already made the press agencies aware of our desired timetable for the week after Labor Day. They have kindly agreed and appear enthusiastic. The ideas will be sent to Rich Pichette who will consolidate and report to the LMC in October.

251 Mill Street : A \$2500 invoice payment to EFI, a contractor obtained by Community Development on our behalf for developing the DEP approved plan for asbestos removal, was unanimously approved.

Cell tower: There is a dispute between the town and a prospective vendor about how many arrays currently are attached to the tower. The Town believes that all four arrays allowed by the tower permitting policy are there, up to the allowed limit. . The ZBA will have a special permit hearing on adding an array on June 14th. Jeff Wheeler and Ellen will review the existing situation.

Mowing and invasives removal: From Bruce Scherer's quote circulated by Ellen before the meeting, the LMC approved two mowings of the great meadow and half the heart shaped meadow plus the barn meadow for \$2300 per mowing, and approved treating poison ivy and knotweed in August in the proposed locations near Rock Meadow and a private home (at owners'

request), not to exceed a cost of \$1800. Ellen will ask if the price can come down. It was decided that mowing of the fire roads was not necessary at this time since they are passable. Andy Healy offered to mow the entranceway from the cell tower area to the Great Meadow, and the LMC accepted the kind offer. Using volunteer labor to pull up poison ivy was discussed, but it was agreed that it was too widespread for appropriate and safe management outside of walkways.

Rebar: Dix urged removal of rebar near the Woodlands border to the great meadow. Ellen will investigate and report back.

Submitted by Martha Moore