

McLean Land Management Committee

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LMC Meeting Minutes, Wednesday October 2010

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Attending: Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Michele Gougeon, Andy Healy, Wes Ward, Martha Moore

Also: Jeanne Mooney, Dix Campbell, Edward Bing

The meeting opened at 7:05pm.

Minutes of the LMC for September 8, 2010 were approved. Minutes of the Management Subcommittee for March 30, 2010 were approved.

Changes to Open Meeting Law. Ellen updated the committee. Postings including an agenda must be done 48 hours in advance and weekends no longer count. The website is not a legal posting site.

Grant application : deferred in Tom Grimble's absence

Belmont Serves: Ellen reported that 22 volunteers from local churches and including Ellen and Liz Allison removed bittersweet near Zone A and in the meadow, including weed removal at the small stone wall. Peter Castinino removed 2 truckloads of resulting debris. Hazardous branches from the dead oak in the meadow have been removed.

Naming: Ellen reported that the announcement was in the Citizen Herald and suggested that Richard ask Tony Schinella, editor, to announce an extension of the response period until November 30th.

Mill Street parking: There were five bids for house removal and creating a parking lot at 251 Mill Street. The low bidder at \$37K was contacted, but had not added debris removal costs. The Committee agreed that it therefore did not wish to hire this contractor. The next lowest bidder is being contacted. His bid was in the mid 50s.

Access: Crosswalk installation update - Ellen reported that the Cemetery Commission objected to construction of a raised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Concord and Somerset Streets across from the cemetery entrance, and would prefer a location farther from the entrance. An alternative location west of the intersection was eventually agreed upon. (Sketch attached) The location of associated sidewalks on each side of Concord Avenue, connecting Somerset Street the entrance to the open space, will be worked out with Glenn.

Trails and Signage: There will be discussion at the next meeting November 10th. Subjects to be covered are trail layout, mapping style and design plus features and names. For future discussion: historic markers, interpretive signs, kiosk content, and a logo.

Management, Rules Subcommittee: Martha reported that this group met a week ago. Its future work is to identify LMC resources: funding sources, sources of volunteer help, and Town staff hours, as described in the amended administrative task force list

(attached); and to sketch out a preliminary budget and management scheme, informed by its earlier research on management of nearby conservation areas. Rosalie offered to speak with Ellen and gather data.

Public outreach: Time did not allow for a discussion beyond public notice asking for name suggestions,

Submitted by Martha Moore