

LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

August 3, 2022 7:00 PM

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DATE: September 8, 2022
TIME: 8:36 AM

Member Attendees: Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Radha Iyengar, Steve Kidder

Other Attendees: Joe Hibbard, Leonard Katz, Roger Wrubel

Absent: Andy Healy, Ellen Cushman

1. Invoices

- a. Two invoices from Partere for work related to treatment for Black Swallow-wort and Garlic Mustard and mid-summer mowing were presented for Committee approval: one for \$2,040 and the second for \$1,540.

Motion to approve payment of the Partere invoices was approved by roll call 5-0: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Carl Solander, Radha Iyengar, Steve Kidder) with Adrianna abstaining because she had joined the meeting several minutes late and missed the discussion.

- b. An invoice for Concord Information Systems in the amount of \$65 for the McLean Barn camera was presented for approval.

Motion to approve payment of the Concord Information Systems invoice was approved by roll call 6-0: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Radha Iyengar, Steve Kidder)

2. Minutes

The minutes from the July 6 LMC Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 6th LMC meeting was approved by roll call 6-0: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Radha Iyengar, Steve Kidder)

3. Invasives Working Group

Jeffrey North asked Leonard Katz to report on volunteer work that has been conducted to deal with Japanese Knotweed. Leonard noted that the drought conditions had resulted in significantly fewer issues this summer with the Japanese Knotweed. As a result, it is recommended that we continue having volunteers do this work under the supervision of Nancy Kougeas rather than engaging Partere to do the work.

Motion to authorize volunteer work to deal with the Japanese Knotweed and not engage Partere to do the work approved by roll call 6-0: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Radha Iyengar, Steve Kidder)

Jeff then discussed the estimate of \$6079.50 for Partere to undertake Task 6 which calls for continued work in the Great Meadow. Jeff noted that the work Partere has done in the Great Meadow is showing early promise with the return of native plants and native creatures. Jeff also noted that the estimate for the work has increased slightly because the work area has expanded.

Task 6 for Partere in the amount of \$6079.50 voted by roll call 6-0: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Radha Iyengar, Steve Kidder)

4. Incursion from 66 Vernon Rd – no update

5. Website – no update

6. Reimbursement has been received from the Judy Record Fund for the planting of white pines along the Pine Allee. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Judy Record Fund.

7. Joint meeting with Historic District Commission.

Plan is to try and find a date in October.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.