

**Land Management Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**August 2, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Remote Access Meeting Only**

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DATE: September 11, 2023  
TIME: 8:56 AM

Member Attendees: Mark Smith (delayed arrival), Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander and Michael Macht-Greenberg

Other Attendees: Joe Hibbard and Leonard Katz

1. Minutes. The Minutes from the July meeting of the LMC were presented for approval. Approved unanimously by Roll Call 4-0 Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Radha Iyengar, and Michael Macht-Greenberg. Carl Solander abstained due to absence at previous meeting.
2. Invoices. A Parterre Invoice for \$2, 705.40 was approved unanimously by roll call (5-0) Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander, Radha Iyengar, and Michael Macht-Greenberg.
3. Pine Allee financing: The Judy Record Fund will be invoiced for the planned work to the Pine Allee. Once the invoice has been submitted and paid to the Town, the Town will create a purchase order and Tree Specialist can commence the planned work.
4. Update on NEMBA discussion: Six closure signs have been created and can be placed in areas of rogue/unauthorized trail building. Discussion occurred about what language/terms to use and the LMC decided on "Area Closed: Not a Trail." The LMC agreed that if posting needs to occur, it should be done by the LMC only. Language for signs and the posting policy was approved unanimously by roll call (7-0) Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Mark Smith and Michael Macht-Greenberg.
5. Trail Signage: LMC will place redesigned signs outlining the usage rules of the trails. Tom Grimble provided a sample of the signage and accepted suggested modifications from the LMC, including removing the url and replacing it with a QR code, as well as prioritizing the dog leash rule and pet waste rule.
6. Fire in Eastern Woods: There was a report that the campsite in the Eastern Woods that was previously discussed by the LMC had been burned. The Belmont Department of Public Works has been contacted to clear out the debris.

7. Coal Road:
  - a. Erosion on the upper and lower sections of the Coal Road because of the recent heavy rain has been reported. Following an email to the McLean Hospital Facilities Department, McLean repaired the areas where erosion had occurred. The LMC asked McLean to also look at the area of the road that runs parallel to Pleasant Street to see if additional support can be provided to mitigate further erosion in that area.
  - b. There was no update on parking at bottom of Coal Road.
  - c. Following a report of a fallen tree on the Coal Road, the tree was removed, and no further action is required.
8. Barn Door Update: The Belmont Department of Public Works has confirmed that the barn door has been secured and that the alarm system is working well.
9. Invasives Working Group: Joe Hibbard met with Parterre and confirmed that more than half of their contracted work for the LMC has been completed. Hibbard requested that there be consideration made toward removing the Ailanthus altissima (Tree of Heaven) trees that are growing near the Pine Allee and the Cemetery. He noted that while the growth is minor, it would be good to remove the plants while they are young. Hibbard agreed to develop a scope of work for review by the committee.
10. Barn Facilitator: There was a discussion about confirming funds needed to facilitate the process continue to be available and Tom Grimble and Carl Solander agreed to work together to move the proposal forward.

#### **Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Wednesday, September 6
- b. Wednesday, October 4
- c. Wednesday, November 1