

**Land Management Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**September 6, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Remote Access Meeting Only**

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**BELMONT, MA**

DATE: October 6, 2023  
TIME: 8:22 AM

Member Attendees: Mark Smith, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble (delayed arrival), Carl Solander  
Michael Macht-Greenberg, Ellen O'Brien Cushman

Other Attendees: Joe Hibbard, Mary McCarthy, Leonard Katz, Nancy Kougeas, Alan Savenor

1. Minutes. The Minutes from the August 3 meeting of the LMC were presented for approval. Approved as amended unanimously by Roll Call (5-0) Radha Iyengar, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Carl Solander Ellen O'Brien Cushman, and Mark Smith.
2. Invoices. 2 invoices by Nunez Landscaping Services for mowing trails and the heart shaped meadow in July and August totaling \$850 were approved unanimously by Roll Call (5-0) Radha Iyengar, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Carl Solander Ellen O'Brien Cushman, and Mark Smith.
3. Proposals. Reviewed a proposal by Heritage Fields for meadow mowing in the Heart Shaped Meadow, Great Meadow, Cemetery and Barn Area Meadow in the amount of \$2800. Joe Hibbard stated that Parterre had previously suggested that the A1 area should be added to the mowing of the meadow. Radha stated that she would ask the vendor to add this area to the mowing work. Ellen made a motion that the proposal with the addition of area A1 should be approved, revised pricing can be approved at the discretion of the chair. Radha seconded. This motion was unanimously approved by Roll Call (5-0) Radha Iyengar, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Carl Solander Ellen O'Brien Cushman, and Mark Smith.
4. Relocation of trail from Snake Hill Rd: Access path from Snake Hill Rd to Lone Tree Hill crosses private property and a new structure is proposed in the area of the path. Radha presented a site plan showing the existing path layout and a proposed relocated path outside of the private property boundary. Ownership and layout of the neighboring properties are not indicated on the plan. Ellen suggested that the layout and ownership of the neighboring property needs to be confirmed. There is no easement for access to the Lone Tree Hill property. There is no current agreement in place with the HOA to move this path. Ellen stated that this is a frequently used path by the community. Alan Savenor, neighbor, stated that the Snake Hill Rd HOA owns the property to the north of the building site and the property to the west is part of the Lone Tree Hill property. Alan suggested that the path would need be relocated before the start of construction to

maintain public access. All committee members expressed agreement.

5. Pine Allee Financing: A grant from the Judy Record conservation fund in the amount of \$40,000 was presented to the LMC at the Aug 28 Select Board meeting.
6. Pine Allee Maintenance: Tree Specialist is planning on conducting the Pine Allee maintenance work in mid-Oct. Radha to confirm that the wood chips will be spread on the path as part of the work. Mark expressed concern that the wood chips might spread out over time and get into the wetland area.
7. Coal Road: No big change in the condition of the lower coal road. Tom suggested that small interventions are important to avoid larger projects. Michael said he would look at the area with the McLean facilities group to assess. Trustees need to be updated on the condition.
8. Barn Door Update: Radha contacted DPW who said they are not responsible. Radha contacted Calhass who installed the door and they suggested Gilbert and Cole should evaluate the door. Gilbert and Cole was contacted and they suggested additional hardware could be installed in the inside of one of the doors to make the door more secure. Radha will follow up with Calhass with Gilbert and Cole's recommendation.
9. Use of barn as temporary storage: The White Memorial Field House will be demolished. Lockers were donated by a group of parents which the Town wants to salvage and reinstall in the new ice rink. The Town requested that the lockers be temporarily stored in the barn during demolition and construction, later to be removed. Ellen suggested that the conservation restriction should be consulted, and Steve Kidder should weigh in. Tom suggested that the Trustees should also be consulted. Michael raised the issue of the Town's liability for damaged or stolen property, given the break-ins at the barn. The Committee had concerns about the length of the storage term and making sure there are parameters for the storage period given that there is an initiative to find a new use for the barn.
10. Coal Road No Parking Signage: Ellen conveyed the recommendations of the Fire Department. They recommended particular signage, painting of the curbing and the addition of a knox box containing a key for the gate. The signage should clearly indicate that the Coal Road is a fire lane. They recommended that the Select Board would vote to approve the installation of these items thus making it part of the Town's enforceable parking regulations. Leonard mentioned that bikes are frequently chained to the moving part of the gate. Committee members agreed to accept the recommendations of the Fire Department, that simple signage is best, and that a new sign to direct users of the Lone Tree Hill Property to the Mill St parking lot is not necessary.

11. Invasives Working Group: No update.

12. NEMBA Update: No Update.

**Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27