

**Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill (LMC)
Minutes of Public Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2020
7: 15 PM by Zoom**

DATE: April 20, 2021
TIME: 9:15 AM

The Chair convened the meeting on Zoom at 7:20 PM with a quorum present
Members present: Lauren Meier, Andy Healy, Michele Gougeon, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimbale, Steve Kidder, Jeff North, Ellen O'Brien Cushman
Other present: Carl Solander from Historic District, Leonard Katz, Tom from Parterre

Trails only mowing, Heart Shaped Meadow Only – The Chair presented a verbal proposal from Nunez landscaping to mow the path in the Heart Meadow every two weeks; path would be 8 feet wide to combat ticks through October 15th at a rate of \$200 for the first mowing then \$150 thereafter. The higher rate is due to the height of the vegetation. Nunez is already mowing wide trail across the Great Meadow, this would be an addition. Unanimous Vote by roll call 8 Yes: Lauren Meier, Andy Healy, Michele Gougeon, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimbale, Steve Kidder, Jeff North, Ellen O'Brien Cushman; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Invasive Plant Management in Area A1 update (Parterre) – Jeff informed the LMC that the Parterre work scheduled in A1 beginning in the parking lot and extending to the bottom northwestern corner of the Great Meadow has been delayed because they await parts for the large forestry mower they will use. Expect to start late September/October at the end of the growing season and treating next spring at most advantageous time.

There was a larger conversation about containment of the Japanese Knotweed onsite, specifically can Leonard Katz have permission to cut and leave the cut stems on the Coal Road? Lauren indicated that the stems should not be just left, they should be placed in black plastic trash bags and not put in with yard waste to prevent seeds from setting/sprouting. Leonard said he hasn't seen that happen. Tom from Parterre indicated they overall they agree with Lauren and invasives should be bagged but for Japanese Knotweed, cutting can cause them to multiply and he further asked that the LMC not authorize or take it on ourselves to try to do this now. Jeff quoted the Parterre study that indicated only professionals should cut and treat Japanese Knotweed, we have engaged Parterre, let's follow their lead.

Motion : Tom moved that the LMC allow Leonard to continue his cutting of Knotweed on the Coal Road only up to the old Codman "cutoff" but he must bag and haul off site from Coal Road. If he cuts and needs help hauling, he can contact Ellen who will ask the DPW to pick up the trash not in yard waste bags. Unanimous vote by roll call - 8 Yes: Lauren Meier, Andy Healy, Michele Gougeon, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimbale, Steve Kidder, Jeff North, Ellen O'Brien Cushman; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Meadow maintenance / tree cabling and Woody Invasive Plants I Pine Allee Update (Tree Specialists) Jeff North gave a summary of the work underway by Tree Specialists to cable Lone

Tree and removal of selective trees as previously approved. This is delayed until the Fall 2020 due to abundant activity of wildlife. In addition they will removal the woody invasives in the Pine Allee to preserve the saplings, work will occur during September 2020.

Rock Meadow parking lot update Jeff told the LMC that the Conservation Commission has undertaken the master plan exercise for Rock Meadow including the parking lot containing 28 spaces and the report/master plan is on the Town's website and he had provided a two page summary (attached) to the LMC. Ellen reminded Jeff that the roadway/driveway in to the parking lot is currently not on Rock Meadow Land but on Lone Tree Hill, accompanying the McLean Barn but that border/property line is not even shown on the plans. Approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of the parking lot is in Lone Tree Hill A discussion ensued about the parking lot with Andy asking if they performed a lot line survey. Lauren reminded everyone that the Historic District would need to review and approve anything that happens because the entire McLean and Lone Tree Hill property is on the Historic Register and in the Preservation Agreement of the Memorandum of Agreement. Jeff said that the Conservation Commission has already obtained technical drawings. Ellen and Tom suggested that it's inappropriate for the Conservation Commission to design anything on Lone Tree Hill without FIRST coming to the Land Management Committee as a body and suggested a joint meeting of the two committees. Any work needs approval of Historic District Commission and the LMC. Lauren cited the McLean Barn as a joint partnership to implement an agreed strategy involving lots of people. Tom suggested that an obvious alternative would be to leave the road in place and then turn right into Rock Meadow and build a parking lot. there. Andy agreed, mentioning that the Town Building inspector Glenn Clancy would be involved. The general consensus amongst members is for the Conservation Commission to attend an LMC meeting, presentation to the LMC like we had with Parterre, explaining the goals, the problems, various alternatives, including moving the parking lot /access road or just the parking lot. Jeff will carry the information back to the Conservation Commission.

Approval of Minutes for May 7th meeting - Unanimous vote by roll call - 8 Yes: Lauren Meier, Andy Healy, Michele Gougeon, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Steve Kidder, Jeff North, Ellen O'Brien Cushman; 0 No; 0 Abstain

For the October 7th meeting (no September meeting) Tom will distribute the trail maps materials and signage for focused discussion.

Committee adjourned the meeting at 8: 33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Chairman

