

LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
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Present: Mike Smith, Wes Ward, (Steve Sloan from TTOR), Jeff North, Andy Healy, Harlan Carrere, Dix Campbell, Anne Paulsen, Tom Grimble

1. Mowing Fields

Invoice from Heritage Fields for \$1,500 for mowing of Great Fields and Heart Shaped Meadow.

Motion to approve and unanimous vote to approve.

2. Issue raised by Dix. On Saturday afternoon, saw two men by water tower with guns. Dix called police who came up. Not sure what the final result of police visit was.

3. Conservation Restriction Monitoring Report conducted by TTOR.

In the past there have been some issues, mainly minor encroachments. But now in the Stanley Road/Vernon Road area there are more significant issues. In one instance, two trees on our property were cut; other areas where lawn refuse was dumped. Clear that people are now virtually considering these areas to be their property.

Wes Ward described situation in Needham where abutters had encroached on land.

Plan is to get boundary markers set around the property in the areas where there are adjoining neighborhoods. Certified letters to be sent to all abutters. Also consult with police re: enforcement actions re: trespassing, particularly the individual who cut two trees. Need to deliver clear message that such actions are unacceptable and that our land needs to be respected.

Motion to work with Town Counsel and police to effect action plan.

Wes Ward presented question whether sign could be posted on kiosks to identify role played by TTOR in monitoring the conservation restriction.

4. Jeff North gave report on status of ecological monitoring. Report details, various projects that have been identified. Some of these are recurring (annual) projects while some are not.

5. Concord Avenue Wall

Work is complete and now LMC should vote to accept gift and say thank you.

Motion to accept and unanimous vote to accept.

Dix recommends that we get “no parking” signs installed to keep trucks and cars from parking on side of Concord Avenue by iron gate.

6. McLean Barn

Historic District Commission has suggested representatives from various groups  
HDC will send list to LMC.

7. Schedule

Stay on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month during summer.

8. Question whether new Chair should be appointed

LMC thought Ellen is doing very good job as Chair and would like her to continue if she is willing.

Motion to reappoint Ellen as Chair. Voted with Ellen abstaining.