

## LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Minutes

June 24, 2009

Members Attending: Ellen Cushman, Andy Healy, Michele Gougeon, Steve Kidder, Anne Paulson (representing TTOR), Richard Pichette,  
Others Attending: Liz Allison, Rosalie Kerr, and Kit Dreir

1. Minutes from past meetings will be approved at Committee Meeting on July 8.

2. 251 Mill Street Update

Ellen met with Glenn Clancy. There are still several outstanding issues on demolition. Town has had a survey done by Rober. Schedule has been adjusted. Question concerning how demolition contractor will store equipment on site. Town would like to do an “add/alternate” on parking lot construction work – so might end up with different contractor for demolition and parking lot construction.

Timing should be that RFP will be sent out within 2 weeks of finalizing the RFP, then on to Town Counsel.

3. Wheelchair ramp has now been put in at end of cell tower driveway to access Trail 10.
4. Kids are back on land and have been leaving trash and cutting down trees to clear area – off of Trail 1. There was a fire on site approximately 3 weeks ago. Police have been notified and will plan to enforce.
5. Fire Road Access  
Fire Department has stated that Trail 1 must be made accessible as a fire road – would need work to be brought up to standard. Question of how we could reduce the water flow off of vacant parking lot. Issue is being looked at by Trails Subcommittee (also Dix has consulted with Mark Haley of Haley and Aldrich) . Ellen read portions of letter from Fire Department saying that LMC needs to repair fire road. Question raised about cost of work and who should bear the cost. Ellen will get a bid from Heritage Fields because they’ll be on site doing the mowing anyway, maybe we could avoid extra mobilization.
6. Gate on Concord Avenue  
Gate and sign should be in within 2 weeks.
7. Screening Along Zone 1A

Issue raised about screening required under zoning and whether current screening complies with requirements. Questions raised about sign that has been put on land saying No Trespassing, presumably by residents/representatives of The Woodlands. Rosalie will look into issue and report back.

8. Barn will be a discussion item for July meeting. Historic District Commission reps will come to July meeting.
9. Report from Rules, Enforcement and Maintenance Working Group. Liz Allison reported on behalf of working group.
  - Written report and summary provided. Summary to be put on web site.
  - Decision made to consult with four organizations that have most experience in these issues:
    - TTOR
    - Mass Audubon
      - 2 Boston Park and Recreation Commission
      - 2 Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation
  - Presented set of questions to each organization.
  - Big picture lessons learned: Summary report attached to these minutes.
  - Discussion concerning report. Specific discussion about how important it is to have “staff” not volunteers – responsible for tasks specifically - coordinate volunteers, enforce rules and seek resources.

10. Invoices Presented for Payment

Invoice for work from Polatin/Heritage Fields.

- Work was for some herbicide work and some trail work.
- Also question about work on Pine Allee – they did the clearing of the visual corridor of Allee and it looks very nice.
- Anne thought original plan was to leave some materials but create vista out to meadow on lower part of area.
- Question – Judy Record Fund had originally intended to pay for this work but Dix Campbell questioned whether work that was done was the project intended by the JKR. Reference back to the original bid document.
- Invoice for \$2,750 – which includes separate projects of \$450 (for lower trail connection to Mill St, closing and clearing beyond what was done by Tom Grimble and volunteers) and \$2,300 (visual corridor clearing of PineAllee).
- Motion to pay bills – both unanimously approved.

11. TTOR Annual Monitoring Visit

Ellen reported that she walked the property with TTOR rep to perform annual monitoring of the McLean Open Space for the Conservation Restriction. One

specific issue on Vernon Road where abutter is storing materials on Town property. As the property owner/building is in the midst of construction, Town will be sending an inspector to notify the owner of the trespass/violation. Ellen will work with Community Development and TTOR to enforce the action and keep LMC apprised.

12. Trails/Access Working Group:

Brief report re: trails access group. Bob Delise not able to be at meeting. Extensive discussions about Trails 12A and 1. Original plan was to have date set for LMC members to walk through and have flagging done prior thereto. Motion made to have Trails Committee make recommendation of placement of Trail 12A to the LMC for vote.

Vote – unanimous

Trails working group interested in moving ahead with design and installation of kiosks. After discussion, Motion that they make recommendation to LMC regarding design and location of kiosks for access points, without spending any money.

Vote – unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Kidder