

LMC Meeting
April 3, 2007

Richard Pichette
Martha Moore
Anne Paulsen
Andy Healy
Frank Keefe
Michele Gougeon
Stephen W. Kidder

1. RFQ for Trail Plans and Implementation was sent out – proposals due back in the middle of April.

2. Walk with Heritage Fields Ecological Service.

Anne, Martha, Dix Campbell, Ellen, Roger Wrubel – went on walk with goal of focusing on intensive invasive species.

Looked at Pine Allee. Gene Record wrote a letter with offer from Judy Record Fund to help clear out area – more on meadow side than on Concord Avenue side.

Anticipate having some proposals back with weed clearing in spring and mowing in fall. Herbicide treatment in June.

3. Overall plan for management with funds.

Anne – area across from Pleasant Street is filthy with bags and trash.

Proposal that LMC write a letter to Star Market requesting help in the cleanup.

Perhaps could find a way to have community service for clean-up.

Question concerning proposal for lease funds from Telecommunications Tower.

No indication that any funds are being generated.

Question concerning plantings around Telecommunications Tower. Plantings have not taken hold and now we need to contact company to try to get some agreement on new plantings.

Martha will talk to Jay Sklut about what we can do to push company.

4. Question concerning naming of land. Recommendation to wait and discuss with Ellen.
5. Plan to hold meeting on April 11 at Habitat to talk about land management practices,

possibility of coordinating such services with abutting lands. For example, could coordinate mowing of Rock Meadow and McLean lands.

6. Question about overall management plan. To this point, we have focused on individual projects rather than overall plan. We haven't hired an overall manager as contemplated by MOA.

Wes Ward's view is that our current approach is appropriate.

7. Roger handed out photo/map done by Dix Campbell which shows line of mowing from last year and estimate for vernal pool border.
8. Motion to appoint Subcommittee of Martha, Ellen and Roger to review plan for funding and plan for dealing with invasive species and clean up of Pine Allee and approval of Committee to move forward so long as plan and proposal are in line.

Unanimous vote of approval.

9. Motion to adjourn.

Minutes for the McLean Hospital

Land Management Meeting

May 22, 2007

Attendees: Ellen Cushman, Andy Healy, Martha Morre, Richard Pichette, Wes Ward, Stephen W. Kidder, Gene Record, Kit Dreir, Jean Mooney, Liz Allison, Tom Grimbel

1. Ellen outlined issues we will be looking at.
 - a. approach that would be taken by Pressley;
 - b. approach to deal with community and neighbors;
 - c. how to incorporate work that has already been done.

Marion Pressley:

- Would certainly review work that has already been done including existing inventory work done at the time of original McLean proposal;
- Would spend several days confirming knowledge and maps of site. Tremendous amount of information is already available. Would then come back to LMC with the knowledge they have learned. Would look at that time to also tell LMC what they don't know;
- Marion: not sure why there would only be one public meeting. Might want to issue a questionnaire that could be made available to public in advance of meeting;

- Understanding is that many different groups are interested in using trails.
- Presley is very used to working with many different groups, very knowledgeable about parks and trails and knows the site at McLean very well.
- Gary does work at Beaver Brook Reservation. Dealt extensively with trails. Very familiar with McLean site and aware of erosion, wet issues and questions of bikes.
- Neither Marion nor Gary was directly involved with earlier McLean work done by the firm. Have experience in dealing with need to accommodate many different groups of users.
- Recommends using a subtle signage form that helps encourage people to use trails properly.
- Marion – schedule – first the background work and then come back to Committee to meet – two weeks to do “homework” – come back with an assessment of what is on ground currently.

Week of June 10, 12 or 13 following meeting with Committee.

Public meeting would then follow.

- Question as to how Pressley will take into account future development at site. Would look to plan for known future development but would need to be somewhat flexible.
- Questions regarding police and fire input. Presley would look to get both police and fire input.

- Question regarding limited operating dollars for managing property.
How do we make sure that plan fits budget.
- Question regarding how do you think about parks versus conservation lands. Answer – you take into account the specific issues with the land in question. Not designing a park here – but working with existing trails and lands.
- Also would look to use volunteers to help with maintenance.
- Question regarding qualifications for specific trail management.
Answer – each site is very different and need to react to different typography, different issues.
- Also are rules for accessibility related to trails and may be that we could designate certain trails as accessible on maps.

Wes Ward:

- Sense a tension between visions for how lands will be used, how active and how passive. Speak to how we figure these issues out.
- Answer: Need to work with Committee and take into account entire site and how best to use all of it.
- Question: Please take into account parking issues for access.

Ellen Cushman:

- Next question is whether to move forward with proposal from Pressley.
- Richard Pichette: More to approve Pressley.
- Unanimous vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

1.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was, upon motion duly made and seconded, unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned
A true record.

Attest: _____
Clerk