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LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes
December 8, 2010

Present: Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Harlan Carere, Wesley Ward, Michele Gougeon, Andy Healy, Steve Kidder, Richard Pichette, and Martha Moore

Also in Attendance: Gene Record, Kit Dreier, Dix Campbell, Anne Paulsen, Lydia Ogilbie, and Franklin B. Tucker

1. Minutes from November 10, 2010 meeting were presented for approval and voted.

VOTE Unanimous vote to approve.

2. Discussion re: Judy Record Fund would be interested in funding repairing of stone wall. Discussion whether Judy Record Fund could do the work and give it as a gift to Town or whether Town would need to contract for work under Chapter 30B. Chair will investigate alternatives.

3. Discussion re: Pine Allee and issue of removing two dead trees.

Motion to accept grant for \$1,500 from Judy Record Fund for work of thinning Pine Allee to improve vistas and to have LMC commit to spend \$1,100 to remove two trees.

VOTE Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Naming Discussion

Rick Pichette presented information concerning submissions received from citizens. 25 suggestions were received (see attached).

Rick reported that Conservation Commission voted:

Hickory Hill – 3
Wellington Hill – 2
Highland Farm Hill – 3

Rick also reported that the Historic District Commission voted for Wellington Hill.

Question asked concerning from whom did McLean purchase the land.

Discussion concerning retaining McLean in the name. Opinions noted on both sides of issue. Concern expressed about question of identity if McLean name is retained. Fundraising to support land noted as very important priority. Wes Ward stated that Trustees of Reservations would not want to take sides.

Discussion held concerning distinctive features of site with recommendation that perhaps Lone Tree Hill would be a distinctive name for which fundraising would be possible.

Discussion concerning having physical feature as part of name.

Discussion concerning use of "Wellington" in name. It was noted that Wellington is correct from historical context, but concern expressed that use of "Wellington" loses distinctive quality because other town sites already named Wellington.

Motions submitted to have following names considered for property:

Lone Tree Hill
Wellington Hill Reservation
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VOTE 5 votes for Lone Tree Hill

 2 votes for Wellington Hill Reservation

 Wes Ward abstained

Recommendation that full name be approved – Lone Tree Hill – Belmont Conservation Land.

VOTE To approve use of full name.

Discussion held concerning naming other features, including:

Coal Road
Great Meadow
Woods
Swap
Pine Allee

Ellen will inform Board of Selectmen of name change vote. Wes will report back to Trustees of Reservations. Michele will report back to McLean Board of Trustees. Michele will report back at February LMC meeting.

Submitted by Steve Kidder