

BELMONT LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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Members Present: Andy Healy, Michele Gougeon, Jeff North,  
Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Steve Kidder, Wes Ward.  
Also present: Leonard Katz, Dix Campbell, Radha Iyengar

1. Postings on Property – Should postings be more specific to say: (1) no camping, (2) trails are responsibility of LMC; and (3) no hunting or weapons allowed. Discussion was held. Tentative decision not to change signage but to encourage communication through alternate means such as NEMBA website. Also decided to add some signage detailing purpose of conservation restriction.
2. Update on By-Law and Reroutes. Expect progress soon to have Bylaw ready for Annual Town Meeting in spring.
3. Update on Trail Closings and Reroutes: Tom Grimble is working on plan for closing and reroutes on "B" and "C" and unnamed trail. This work is expected to be done on October 27.
4. Update on Footbridge Building Project. Date for project is October 27; plan is approved. NEMBA folks will be there and Tom Grimble will be there. However, existing bridge was repaired by someone who is unidentified. Dix Campbell reported after consultation with a friend who is a structural engineer that the work seems to be quite professional and well done. Bridge is now very serviceable and sturdy. As a result, it appears that the safety issue has been eliminated. Plan is still to move forward with project on October 27.

Dix Campbell raises question whether there is any need to move forward with this project.

Suggestion that Glenn Clancy could take a trip to visit site and see whether he believes project needs to go forward. LMC will follow Glenn's advice on whether project should be undertaken.

5. Update on Coal Road Renovation Scheduled for November 2. Question raised whether LMC should seek communication through Belmont Citizen Herald to encourage volunteers. Question raised whether there could be liability issues given nature of work and equipment that will be there.

Work will begin around 7:00 or 7:30 but volunteers (17 and older) should not be there until 9:00 and should bring rakes and shovels. Looking for 10-20 volunteers.

6. Replacement of Missing Signage on Closed Trails and on No Bike Trails. LMC agreed in principle but needs to understand exactly where such signs should be posted.
7. Update on Pine Allee Work. Tree Warden reported back that work would need to be done with ropes (climbing crew). Price range \$6,750-\$9,450. Trim widow makers, trim trees and remove what is cut. Decision is to cap amount at \$9,450 and tell crew to stop whenever they hit that point.  
  
Voted to approve expense up to \$9,450.
8. Update on Eagle Scout Project. Jeff has not heard back after reaching out to Christian Cahoon.
9. Minutes for September 11 approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Kidder