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LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes
October 14, 2009

Present: Ellen Cushman, Harlen Carere, Andy Healy, Martha Moore, Anne Paulson, and Steve Kidder

Also present: Tom Grimble, Gene Record, Bob Delise, Dix Campbell, Jean Mooney, Rosalie Kerr and Carol Strassberger.

1. Harlen presented a report on the Committee's finances;

General Conclusion - If we commit to the identified capital improvements, we will only have enough funds for several quarters of operations.

General Balance is \$95,369 -
\$3,000 quarterly income

Up front capital expenditures for:

- A. Demolition of 251 Mill Street, \$27,000
- B. \$12,000 - demolition of parking
- C. \$10,000 - map
- D. \$10,000 - signing and kiosk
- E. Trail repair \$10,000
- F. Miscellaneous

\$77,293 Total

Balance would be approximately \$18,000.

Other expenditures:

- A. Quarterly trail maintenance of \$1,000
- B. Monthly employee costs \$3,000
- C. Mowing \$500 per quarter
- D. Studies \$500 per quarter
- E. Miscellaneous \$500 per quarter

Overall budget number shows that after expenditures we would have approximately two quarters of funds.

Discussions re: what expenses are essential with particular focus on whether staffing is necessary? Harlen will send out numbers and we will discuss at next meeting.

Anne and Rosalie will follow up with conversations with some of the public conservation groups.

2. Belmont Serves was on property last weekend. Approximately 40 people showed up. A lot of work was done on Coal Road. There has been an individual who set up a tent on land. He has been spoken to and police have been notified.

Work was also done on trimming trees in meadow.

Several areas identified by Dix Campbell and Jean Mooney that Andy Healy will look at.

3. Tree Warden notified that dead tree will fall off property and could hit houses or cars. Cost estimated at \$1,200. Adjacent to Waverly Oaks and appears to be on McLean owned land within conservation restriction.

If not Town owned property then Town would look to McLean to take care of tree.

Vote – If Town owned, then would spend \$1,200 to have tree removed, and, if not Town owned land, would authorize McLean to remove tree.

- Unanimous –

4. Bill from Heritage Fields for \$2,300 for mowing completed last week.

Voted to approve - Unanimous –

5. 251 Mill Street has gone slower than expected. Expect to move forward this fall.
6. Minutes from September 16 meeting will be postponed until next meeting.
7. Report from Trails Access and Parking Subcommittee:

A. Recommendation to post rules in 5 places; (i) Mill Street at crossing; (ii) Pleasant Street entrance where trails come together; (iii) Day School access point at break in wall; (iv) Cemetery cell access; (v) on Pine Allee across from Belmont Hill Club.

This final spot was where discussion ensued in Subcommittee.
Question raised whether this recommendation would still make sense after work on Concord Avenue has been completed.

B. Recommendation from Subcommittee is to have simple holders for signs.
Tom Grimble has offered to construct holders.

C. Third recommendation concerns Trail 12A. Concerns raised about new proposed Trail 12A that has been flagged.

Subcommittee recommends 2 changes to proposed new Trail 12A: (1) revision to make trail more sight friendly, and (2) to shift away from dump site.

Look for approval of new 12A which is a multi-use trail with some slight field revisions.

Vote to approve new 12A with slight field revisions - Unanimous

Discussion held on recommendation for location and design of signs. Committee decided to add a sixth location at entrance from Zone 1A.

Design was recommended:

4 by 4 post
11 by 17 w/plexiglass cover

Vote to approve location of signs with holders - Unanimous

Vote to authorize Tom Grumble to use materials up to six hundred dollars per sign.

8. Carol Strassberger reported on behalf of Subcommittee on Values Framework for Signage & Kiosk Development (attached hereto).

Question raised on what estimates for costs would be.

Subcommittee will come back with some recommendations re branding and identity for signage.

Question raised whether Judy Record Fund would be willing to help with funding for ongoing operations. Answer from Gene Record was that Judy Record Fund is interested in one time capital costs but thinks Town should be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs.

9. Discussion re: goals and objectives and where do we see the property being used in the future.

Big picture questions for LMC to consider and whether we still think goals and objectives are still the same.

1. Ellen recommends we all review Goals and Objectives and decide whether we still agree.
2. Then we look at priorities list and decide whether it fits with goals and objectives.

Discussion. Agreement that we should revisit Goals and Objectives at next meeting.