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**McLean Land Management Committee
Minutes
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The Land Management Committee convened at 7:04 pm with the following members attending: Michele Gougeon, Andy Healy, Carla Moynihan, Martha Moore, Richard Pichette, Ellen Cushman, Wes Ward. Members not attending: Frank Keefe. Citizens in attendance: Elizabeth Allison and Gene Record, Roger Wrubel, Edie Netter, Mike Tabaczynski, Representative Anne Paulsen.

The committee unanimously accepted the minutes of May 2, 2006 and June 15, 2006.

Michele Gougeon and Andy Healy reported that the demolition of the farmhouse on the McLean Farm is complete. Total cost approximately \$25K plus the original \$5K cost to put up the fence when the LMC members realized it was in dangerous shape. The LMC thanked McLean for its generous donation and quick action.

Andy also reported that the stripping of soil for Olmstead Drive was underway and that ledge blasting would occur for three or four weeks. The committee suggested that McLean post signs on the trails that intersect the construction zone notifying folks of the detour and suggesting alternate routes.

Gene Record reported that the JKR Fund had won a grant for trail work on the property from the Noble Foundation. At committee member's questioning, Gene stated that the grant allows no approval rights or strings, particularly of uses (pedestrian, bike, etc) .

The Committee members and citizens felt strongly that a presentation under Article 1 at the upcoming Town Meeting would be appropriate. The desired focus would be to highlight the successful public/private partnership that is so active in the LMC work. Ideally, Anne Paulsen, representing the private entities would speak for a few minutes and Ellen Cushman, representing the public entities, would speak as well. Ellen will contact the Assistant Town Administrator to arrange this, but said that there appears great pressure to keep extra reports to a minimum due to the heavy work load expected and the desire to keep TM to one night only. Ellen will prepare her comments and circulate.

Ellen reported that she had secured some quotes from several companies and provided detailed costs for several. At her recommendation, the committee voted unanimously to go with Bruce Scherer of Heritage Fields in Orange, MA . He charges \$65 per hour. The motion was made and seconded to engage Heritage Fields for up to \$2,000 or three days work. Areas to mow were the Great and Heart Shaped meadow, open the meadow towards the NW corner and take it to

the Pine Allee. Work would be arranged immediately and Ellen would expect it to be complete for Thanksgiving at the very latest, depending on mud conditions.

Roger Wrubel (Audubon Habitat) and Mike Tabaczynski asked the committee to endorse a plan to include the McLean Open Space in the Western Greenway. He provided an overview of the planned activities, brochure and blazing system and had a sample of the blaze to mark the trail. The blazes would be installed approximately every 100 feet down the trail connections. The committee discussed the possibilities with Roger and unanimously voted to include the trails within the Western Greenway, specifically the Pine Allee and connections to Audubon, Rock Meadow and Met State Land.

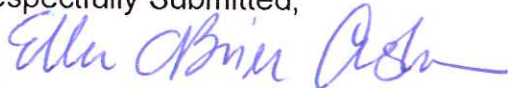
Wes Ward will provide an update on the endowment progress at the next meeting. In order to complete the paperwork, he will need to provide a detailed timeline of the milestones in the land acquisition/conservation restriction project. He will schedule a meeting with Ellen for approximately half an hour to do this. Wes also mentioned that he has asked Anne Paulsen to serve as the volunteer monitor for TTOR, replacing Gene Record. Anne would also represent TTOR in Wes' absence.

The Trails RFP subcommittee was named – Carla will lead the effort and Andy, Ellen and Wes (or Anne) will serve. In addition, Gene Record suggests that he and Edie Netter would represent the JKR Fund, to which the committee readily agreed. The subcommittee would be able to call upon Jeff Collins to help evaluate proposals once responses are received if desired. Ellen will re-distribute the trails skeleton RFP prepared last year to the full LMC and cc list.

Lastly, the committee was asked to provide a standing time/day of the week/month for future meetings. Some members expressed a strong interest in meeting in the early mornings. Ellen will distribute the request. Members will respond and the most votes will win.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Chairman