

Meeting Minutes - Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill
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Members Attending: Andy Healy, Steve Kidder, Jeff North, Lauren Meier, Ellen O'Brien Cushman
Residents Attending: Radha Iyengar, Mary Kennedy

Chairman Cushman reported that she had received a check in the amount of \$1200 from the JKR Memorial Conservation Fund to assist in payment of the Pine Allee clean up and removal of invasives accomplished as in approved Part 1 of the Polatin Plan. This payment specifically funded a change in specifications to the contract to require manual removal of the invasives, clean up of the Pine Allee instead of the original mechanized contract. The Committee voted to unanimously accept the gift of the \$1200 from JKR, then authorized the total payment of \$4800 (including the \$1200) to Polatin Ecological Services for the completion of this work, performed in January/February before the snows. The Committee is very grateful for the continued financial support for all Lone Tree Hill activities by the JKR Fund – Ellen will write letter.

The Committee discussed the details of TTOR 2014 Annual Conservation Restriction Monitoring Report. There is no dispute with the details of the report; Ellen will prepare communication to the neighbors, abutting the 4.6 acre barn meadow, keeping in mind the new General Bylaw. Andy Healy suggested that the committee may want to consider installing a fence along this property line. Survey markers have been obtained from TTOR and Ellen will ask Glenn for assistance/recommendation to install. Further discussion would be required, to keep the property open and accessible.

Barn – there was a lengthy discussion of the priorities for the Barn for 2015:

Ellen will contact Town parties regarding closing up the building, clearing out any animals and securing it from further invasion and damage, especially the windows. Ellen and Lauren will contact Lisa Harrington, an historical materials expert on the Historic District Commission regarding methods, products, etc for graffiti removal/ care. Mary Kennedy has rustled up several interested local experts in trades such as architecture, landscape architecture, planning, structural engineering. The goal of these activities:

1. Evaluate the barn to stabilize it and close it up
2. Graffiti treatment recommendations
3. Perform the work
4. Recommend (again) the Barn Committee to the Board of Selectmen, this time suggesting the plan and some volunteers
5. Consider applying for Community Preservation Act funds (September application)
6. Include the Barn for a volunteer day such as Belmont Serves

Radha announced the May 2nd Belmont Citizens' Forum volunteer date at Lone Tree Hill (rain date May 9th) pending approval and participation by NEMBA and Tom Grimble. McLean will participate with a crew and reclaim to finish the top of the Coal Road. The committee voted unanimously to authorize and endorse the volunteer day.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen O'Brien Cushman
Chairman