

Land Management Committee

Minutes
February 7, 2024
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DATE: March 15, 2024

TIME: 9:31 AM

Member Attendees: Steve Kidder, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Mark Smith, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Ellen O'Brien Cushman

Other Attendees: Leonard Katz, Jeanne Mooney, Joe Hibbard, Nancy Kougeas

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes for December and January, as amended, were presented for approval and after motion were approved unanimously by Roll Call 8-0 (Steve Kidder, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Mark Smith, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Ellen O'Brien Cushman)
2. No invoices.
3. Financial Update. Motion was made to seek distribution from Joan Campbell Fund and to authorize Steve Kidder to submit the request to the Town Treasurer, Leslie Davidson. Approved unanimously by Roll Call 8-0 (Steve Kidder, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Mark Smith, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Ellen O'Brien Cushman)
4. Erosion on Coal Road. Joe Hibbard reported that a meeting was set for Monday, February 12 to walk the site with McLean and its consultant UHB. Meeting has been cancelled but will be rescheduled.
5. Update on Barn Storage for Lockers. Radha reported that Town has decided not to use the Barn for storage.
6. Invasives Working Group. Joe Hibbard reported and noted that he had recommended previously that some clearance of Section 6B should be conducted in order to prepare the area for invasives treatment. Joe offered to do the work on a volunteer basis. It would be expected that the treatment would have an estimated total cost of approximately \$4,000 with the Judy Record Fund likely providing half of those funds. Motion to authorize Joe Hibbard to do volunteer work to remove invasives in Section 6B and leave in "habitat piles" that settle and then disappear, approved unanimously by Roll Call 8-0 (Steve Kidder, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Carl Solander, Mark Smith, Adriana Bobinchock, Ellen O'Brien Cushman)
7. Parking Signage at Bottom of Coal Road. Ellen reported that the new signage appears to have been effective and no parking of cars or of the bicycle have been reported. Ellen

also asked about having Fire Department contact McLean to make sure access would be available and Michael said he would be the contact.

8. Update from NEMBA. No update from last month.
9. Verizon Enclosure Unsecured. Belmont Light officials are working with Verizon to get secured.
10. Dumping at Lone Tree Hill Parking Lot. Mark reported that recent visit indicated dog refuse bags were still being left. Mark will get costs for company that provides disposal cans. Discussion held as to how long this problem has been going on. Recommendation to have No Dumping sign installed.

Motion to have DPW install sign provided cost is less than \$200 approved unanimously by Roll Call 8-0 (Steve Kidder, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Mark Smith, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Ellen O'Brien Cushman)

11. Blowdowns from Recent Storms. No specific reports of problem from recent storms.
12. Encroachment from Vernon Rd. Resident. Town Building Inspector has not reported any update.
13. TTOR Report. Yearly monitoring report will be circulated and posted.
14. Volunteer Day-Earth Day. Radha asked for approval for volunteer day in April to be done by Belmont Citizens Forum in conjunction with Judy Record Fund. Joe Hibbard presented proposal to do plantings of another row of pine trees on border with Summit Road to provide better buffer from Zone 1A. Radha recommended approval to do planting as part of Volunteer Day. Also would do trash pick-up as part of Volunteer Day. Radha will reach out to Judy Record Fund to see if it will provide funding for planting, will reach out to TTOR to make sure they are supportive and will reach out to Tree Specialists to see if white pines and spruce would be available.

Motion approved unanimously by Roll Call 8-0 (Steve Kidder, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Michael Macht-Greenberg, Mark Smith, Carl Solander, Adriana Bobinchock, Ellen O'Brien Cushman)

15. Next Meeting set for March 6.