

Land Management Committee
Minutes
November 1, 2023
7:00 PM
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DATE: December 7, 2023
TIME: 9:09 AM

Member Attendees: Mark Smith, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander and Michael Macht-Greenberg

Other Attendees: Leonard Katz

1. Minutes: The Minutes from the September meeting of the LMC were presented for approval. Approved unanimously by Roll Call 7-0 Mark Smith, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander and Michael Macht-Greenberg.
2. Invoices: Invoices from Parterre, Nunez Landscaping and The Tree Specialists were discussed. The invoice (\$39,245) for the Tree Specialists, which focused on maintenance work in the Pine Allee was paid for by a grant from the Judy Record Fund. Agreement to pay the invoices approved unanimously by Roll Call 7-0 Mark Smith, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander and Michael Macht-Greenberg.
3. Coal Road Erosion: McLean Hospital Executive Director of Facilities has requested additional time to review Coal Road erosion concerns with consultants. The LMC suggested that McLean work with Joe Hibbard to fully understand the concerns. The topic of the Coal Road erosion concern will be added to the December agenda.
4. Coal Road Parking Signage:
The Belmont Board of Selectmen approved signage prohibiting parking at the bottom of the Coal Road. Glenn Clancy will meet with the Belmont Public Works Department to provide guidance on location of installation. Once signs are installed, action will be taken regarding bicycles being parked at the Coal Road gate.
5. Barn Update: 1.) Calhass has confirmed that the work to secure the barn door will be completed in November. 2.) LMC has not heard back from the school regarding using the barn for storage of the lockers. 3.) The Trustees have requested there be a formal agreement prior to any usage of the Barn being agreed upon. Tom Grimble to follow up.
6. Invasives Update: Parterre will move forward with the removal of the *Ailanthus altissima* trees that are growing near the Pine Allee and the Cemetery.
7. Pine Allee Tree work: Work was completed, that included crown reduction pruning on 55 white pines and removing miscellaneous invasive trees and brush encroaching on the southeast border of the Allée. Two large wood chip piles have been left and volunteers are expected to begin spreading wood chips this month.

8. Meadow Mowing update: Heritage Fields has had an equipment issue, but expects all repairs to be completed by mid-November. Anticipates mowing the meadow by the end of November.
9. Finances: A spreadsheet to better track the committee finances and to reconcile the committee accounting with that of the Town has been developed. This new process will ensure that the LMC has a better understanding of how much money is available to commit to projects. In developing this spreadsheet. Additionally, \$10,000 of the Joan Campbell Fund was transferred to the LMC active spending account.
10. NEMBA: A new unauthorized jump is being constructed in the McLean Eastern woods. There are plans for NEMBA volunteers to dismantle it.
11. Trail Signage: The LMC discussed printing of new trail signage. This motion was approved unanimously by Roll Call 7-0 Mark Smith, Radha Iyengar, Tom Grimble, Steve Kidder, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander and Michael Macht-Greenberg.
12. Kiosk: Work is moving ahead with the development of a new kiosk. The map is being revised, however there is a different timeline for the installation of the physical structure. Tom Grimble to continue to provide updates.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023
- Wednesday Jan. 3, 2024
- Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024