

MINUTES

Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee Meeting
141 Keyes Road, 1st Floor Conference Room
Thursday 10th January 2019

Present: Delia Kaye (Natural Resources Director), Joanne Gibson (Co-Chair), Susan Clark (Co-Chair), Mary Clarke, Stan Lucks, Beverly Miller, Lola Chaisson, Sandy Smith (minutes in Murray Nicolson's absence).

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m.

Delia projected several photographs related to the commissioning of the USS Thomas Hudner and the participation of the Concord Independent Battery in that event on December 1st. Delia had also shown the same photos to the NRC in December and they were well received.

Minutes of the November 8th meeting: The minutes of the meeting of November 8th were accepted without amendment.

CPA Application Update: Delia reported that the CPC voted to recommend full funding for the Committee's application for \$21,600 for additional wall construction on the East Meadow. Delia and Joanne also reported that the CPC asked if the Committee was considering any alternative to the current rope fence along Heywood Street, thinking that once the wall work is completed, the current fence might look incongruous.

Delia projected that work on the wall will start in September, but said work on the bid documents could begin now so they would be ready to be sent to prospective bidders following approval of the CPC's Town Meeting article. Committee members emphasized the importance of identifying a wall contractor who could match the existing wall seamlessly.

Stan suggested that we explore what, if any, utilities might be located underground at that corner of the Meadow so we aren't surprised once excavation begins. Delia will contact CMLP to tie this down.

Donations in Marion Grabhorn's Name: After discussion of several alternative flower plantings, it was decided that Delia will speak with Lynn Huggins to firm up a final plan.

New Member Search: Delia reported that no candidates emerged following her announcement of the opening at the most recent Conservation Coffee. In the discussion which followed, the Committee focused on possible candidates, and when a consensus candidate emerged, Delia was asked to call her before the next meeting to explore her interest.

Historical Research: In the course of doing research on 59 Walden Street in the Library's Special Collections, Joanne reported that she found plans prepared by Perry, Shaw & Hepburn in November 1947 for a Fire and Police Station to be located at the corner of Walden and Heywood Streets. She shared a copy of a drawing for the structure and a layout for Heywood Street which included a median

strip. The lesson that Concordians need to be ever vigilant to protect the historical character of the Town was not lost on any member of the Committee.

Spring Planting Plans: There was a brief discussion of planting in the spring including interest in planting pollinators, but in the interest of time, Delia and Susan will confer before the February meeting and prepare a plan for Committee consideration.

Other Business: Sandy gave Delia a copy of a letter from the Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee inviting the Concord Independent Battery to participate in six Town events in 2019. The first event - which celebrates the Town's Honored Citizen – will take place at the Harvey Wheeler Center and will not involve the cannons, but the following five events will involve use of the Gun House and parking on the East Meadow:

Saturday, April 6:	Meriam's Corner Exercise	1:00pm
Monday, April 15:	Patriots Day Parade	9:00am
Friday, April 19:	Dawn Salute	6:00am
Monday, May 27:	Memorial Day Ceremony	9:00am & 11:00am
Monday, Nov. 11:	Flag Retirement	8:00am

Members of the Battery are typically asked to meet at the Gun House two hours before these events.

The above list of PCCC events does not include the Battery's test firing which occurs in the morning on the day of the Meriam's Corner Exercise. The test firing is the Battery's first and only opportunity for a live, outdoor training session following weeks of indoor training at the Gun House in February, March, and April.

Saturday, April 6:	Test Firing (Old Manse)	9:00am
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The above mentioned indoor training occurs Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at the Gun House. Sandy will provide the training schedule to Delia once it is announced at the Battery's annual meeting at the end of January.

Date of the Next Meeting: February 14, 2019

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.