

MINUTES

Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9:00am
via Zoom

Present: Delia Kaye (Natural Resources Director), Joanne Gibson (Co-Chair), Susan Clark (Co-Chair), Sandy Smith (minutes), Mary Clarke, Lola Chaisson, Peter Lee

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Gibson, Co-Chair, at 9:05 am.

Minutes of February 9, 2023 Meeting: Minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting of the Committee were not available in advance of the meeting so approval was deferred to the April meeting.

Update from Delia Kaye: Delia reported that Will Holden, Land Manager, continues to remove brush piles from Lot B where the removal of invasives was done in the fall.

Delia had nothing to report from the Traffic Committee in response to the Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee's recommendation to make changes to enhance the safety of pedestrians crossing at the intersection at Heywood Street and Walden Street.

Final Review of the Rewritten Landscape Plan: Sandy Smith described the process he used to create the final draft of the rewritten Landscape Plan for review at this meeting. He sent the draft in pdf format to "freeze" the color of the typeface, page breaks, page numbers, etc. which some members of the Committee had difficulty following in earlier drafts. Susan Clark and Peter Lee sent suggested edits in advance of the meeting which are incorporated here by reference.

Section I: Introduction, Background: All of the suggested edits submitted by Susan and Peter were adopted. No other changes were made.

Section 4: Treatment Recommendations: After considerable discussion of the last paragraph on page 24 in particular, all of the suggested edits submitted by Susan and Peter were adopted. No other changes were made.

Revised Charge of the Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee: The Committee then reviewed Delia's red-lined version of the draft Charge which included edits provided by Joanne and Sandy. The Background section was discussed and changes pertaining to the creation of the Committee were adopted. Sandy clarified that the work of the Committee constitutes "rehabilitation" and not "restoration." Delia reported that it was unnecessary to mention that vacancies are to be filled for the remaining unexpired term because that was the Town Clerk's practice. Sandy said he added language requiring that "when filling a vacancy, the Committee will endeavor to see that the various constituencies of the Meadow are represented on the Committee, including the Concord Independent Battery and neighbors." This had received broad support within the Committee at the February meeting and was adopted. No other changes were suggested.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee will be held in person on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:58am.

Action Items:

1. The Committee plans to vote to adopt the revised Landscape Plan and the revised Charge at the April meeting.
2. The Town Clerk will attend an upcoming meeting to swear in those members of the Committee not already sworn in.
3. Peter will coordinate a small group to think more about providing educational materials for the public.
4. Delia will continue to keep an eye out for news from the Traffic Committee to ensure the HMSC's proposal to rethink the Heywood Street/Walden Street intersection does not fall between the cracks.