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Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee Meeting
141 Keyes Road, 1st Floor Conference Room
Thursday May 9, 2019

Present: Delia Kaye (Natural Resources Director), Joanne Gibson (Co-Chair), Susan Clark (Co-Chair), Murray Nicolson (Minutes), Sandy Smith, Cris van Dyke, Stan Lucks, Bev Miller, Lola Chaisson

The meeting was opened at 9:02 a.m. by Joanne Gibson

Minutes of April 11 Meeting On a motion made by Lola Chaisson and seconded by Sandy Smith, the April 9 minutes were approved as amended. All voted in favor.

Update on Stone Wall Project: Stan has most of the Request for Proposals drafted and now must ensure the survey is correct. Delia and Lola offered to help with the survey. He then must finalize the drawings. The contractor will have to examine the leftover stones and select ones that match the work already done on the east wall or provide his own stone to match the existing stone.

Construction on Cambridge Turnpike: The roadway reconstruction will not be completed until next year, and the turnpike will remain closed. Some of the contractors are parking private vehicles on the meadow and have been reminded that this is not allowed. If we see repeated violations, we should call the police.

Lexington Road Verge: Joanne agreed to ask Rich Reine to have Concord Public Works maintain the area between the stone wall and the sidewalk on the West Meadow. She and Rich have spoken about CPW cleaning up and planting white clover along the East Meadow verge in the fall or next spring.

Clean-up Around Gun House: The Battery plans to contract with Lenox Landscaping to repair the damage done to the grass near the Gun House on Patriots Day. They will also ask Lenox to back-drag the gravel areas plowed up during the winter. Because of the June 22 event being planned for the Meadow, the Battery was asked to postpone reseeding the area until fall and, once reseeded, to rope it off to protect the grass while it is getting established and so it will not be damaged by the Battery on Veterans Day. They were also asked to have Lenox determine if any of the soil needs to be aerated to relieve compaction from vehicular traffic.

Marian Thornton Celebration on June 22: The Committee felt that a floor should be placed under the tent to reduce damage to the meadow and provide a stable surface. Delia agreed to contact Dick Thornton.

Pollinator Meadow and Meadow Flora: Susan and Delia met with Lynn Huggins to identify any natives in the proposed pollinator meadow. It was too early to see much, so they will reconvene on Wednesday May 22 to review the area. Cris will join them on the site walk.

Other Business:

Crosswalk on Heywood Street: Stan is looking into how the new Townwide 25 mile per hour default speed limit will affect the possibility of the installation of a crosswalk.

Battery Events: Sandy provided an update on invitations the Battery has received to participate in events since the last meeting of the Committee. The Battery has received an invitation to join the Massachusetts National Guard Artillery in the rededication of the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes monument at 85 Northern Avenue, Boston at 10:00 am on Friday, May 24. The Battery has been asked to participate in this ceremony for the past several years. The Battery has also been invited by Fisher House Boston and the USS Constitution Museum to participate in an event honoring General John Kelly UCMC Ret. at 8:00 p.m. on June 6 at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Delia asked Sandy to stake out the area needed by the Battery for its Memorial Day activities in Concord on Monday, May 27, so that it could be mowed during the week of May 20. Joanne commented that since the Battery is in such demand, we should consider discussing a limit on the number of times per year the Battery can park on the Meadow.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday June 13 at 9:00 a.m. We plan to visit Bryan Windmiller's pollinator meadow at Peter Spring field following the HMSC meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Proposed by Lola Chaisson and seconded Bev Miller. All voted in favor.