



## MINUTES

Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 12, 2022  
Lot B – Walden Street

**Present:** Delia Kaye (Natural Resources Director), Joanne Gibson (Co-Chair), Susan Clark (Co-Chair), Sandy Smith (minutes), Lola Chaisson, Cris Van Dyke

**Guests:** Nancy Fresella-Lee, Peter Lee

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Gibson, Co-Chair, at 9:07 am. Joanne Gibson said she had invited Nancy Fresella-Lee to become a member of the Committee and attend the meeting.

**Minutes of October 21, 2021 Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2021 were approved unanimously as written.

**Minutes of April 21, 2022 Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2022 were approved unanimously as amended.

**Report on May 6<sup>th</sup> Site Visit:** Delia Kaye reported that she was joined by Susan Clarke, Cris Van Dyke, and Lola Chaisson on the Meadow on May 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the location of a new pollinator garden on Lot B. Their recommendation is not to develop a pollinator garden with a perimeter as was done on the West Meadow, but to scatter about 300 plugs representing 5 species of New England native plants in the mowed area west of the electric box and allow them to colonize. Nancy Fresella-Lee and Peter Lee volunteered to help plant the plugs, but before planting, the buckthorn and European lindens will be removed by the Conservation Crew over the summer. Further consideration of a trail paralleling the Brook in Lot B will be deferred until after the planting.

Will Holden will also remove the two Norway maples in the meadow. Delia agreed to ask permission of CMLP to repaint the electric box and Lola agreed to contact friends who painted electric boxes in Maynard several years ago for their advice.

**Plant Inventory:** Peter Alden referred Susan to Lisa Standley, Needham, MA, to do an inventory of grasses on the entire Meadow. Susan reported the broader plant inventory will not be conducted until after Ms. Stanley does her pro bono survey encompassing all the Meadow lots. The initial visit is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> (@ 1:30pm).

**Update on Sugar Maples:** Delia reported that she instructed the Department of Public Works to plant two sugar maples equidistant from the neighboring trees and from each other because a second sugar maple in the area along Lexington Road was failing.

**Action Items from February Meeting:**

- Battery parking has not yet been addressed
- Delia will explore having a backless bench made from Southern Live Oak sourced from Longleaf Lumber in Cambridge. The installation will be done by Will and the summer Crew or volunteers.

- The galvanized gate posts remaining on the West Meadow along the sidewalk were discussed. Some members encouraged their removal while others argued to keep them as historical artifacts. No final decision was reached.
- Safety of turn onto Heywood Street from Walden Street. The Committee discussed the traffic flow at the corner of Heywood Street and Walden Street, and felt that if the curve is required for fire trucks, replacing the existing YIELD sign with a STOP sign would make the corner safer. Delia will discuss this with the Fire Chief.

**Discussion of the final rewriting of the Landscape Plan:** Sandy Smith volunteered to incorporate all the Committee's thinking expressed in its meetings over the last year into a final draft of the Landscape Plan.

**Next Meeting:** 9:00am, June 16<sup>th</sup>; location TBD.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:12am.

**Action Items:**

1. Battery parking
2. Bench for Ford Park
3. Galvanized posts
4. Painting utility box
5. Contact Fire Chief about Stop sign
6. Lisa Standley's grass inventory