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Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee Meeting  
141 Keyes Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Thursday, June 8, 2023, 9:00am

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

After a representative from the Town Clerk's office swore in newly appointed members, giving them the committee handbook and instructions for completing the ethics training, the meeting was called to order by Joanne Gibson, Co-Chair, shortly after 9 am.

On a motion made by Joanne Gibson and seconded by Lola Chaisson **minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting were approved** unanimously as written.

**Final Details:** Sandy presented the pages with the stylistic changes requested at the April Meeting. All approved of the updates. He also made the recommendation that when we add photos they be added to the updated sections not to the history section for clarity.

**Update from Delia Kaye:**

- A. The **recent flooding** of the Meadow was due to beavers. Over the last two weeks, remediation involved a backhoe, lifting a utility pole, and moving a grate. It is TBD if the grate will be sufficient. CPW is taking the extra step of trapping the beavers.
- B. Photos were shown of pollinator plants emerging in the **newly cultivated strip along Walden Street**, and of bayberry bushes that have been planted there (doing okay). It was proposed that mowing a strip along the roadway would make the work on the area look more intentional and possibly make the pollinator plants more visible. With the clearing work done last fall, the large linden looks inviting for climbing and possibly sitting beneath.
- C. The **new trees planted along Lexington Road** are looking good.
- D. Delia and Stan Lucks met yesterday with Stan Nobles about the 50 to 55 foot section of crumbling **retaining wall** on Heywood Street near the brook. Stan Lucks, having taken a further look after the meeting, thinks there may be more work than originally thought necessary due to subsidence issues and will prepare a plan.
- E. **Heywood Street/Walden Street Intersection:** The Traffic Management Group has not been reconvened.

**Review of Photos to Add to the Landscape Plan:** Delia received many photos Wednesday night and even Thursday morning. Some had culled their submissions, some had not. Peter brought a flash drive with several taken the previous day on a ladder to get a good wide view.

As the collections were projected Delia took note of some we all thought should be included. While we all got a kick out of the goat photos, they won't make the final cut.

-We all thought Pam Pettingill's painting of a Monarch should be included and possibly a link to her whole Heywood sketchbook.

- A photo that includes the Heywood Meadow sign
- Ed Grabhorn's watercolor in the history section
- A wide view photo that shows the east path with the gunhouse in the background
- Sandy's cannon photo

- A photo with benches
- The new steps dusted in snow
- The curve of the wall with the steps partially in the foreground
- The orange flowers (Butterfly plant?)
- A good fall foliage photo
- A good photo of the bluebird houses if there is one

Susan mentioned that it should be kept in mind that many lovely photos lack enough contrast to work well as accompaniments to a document. There is also a desire to have an updated map to include. The committee hopes that Pam Pettingill might be amenable to doing an updated version of hers. Lola is willing to work on it also if needed.

**Membership:** Some suggestions were floated vis-a-vie potential new members, Joanne will sound out as appropriate.

**Next Meeting:** A short look at everyone's schedules resulted in changing the date of the July meeting to the 20th at which time it is hoped we can cull the photo collection to an appropriate number.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.