

MINUTES

Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee Meeting

141 Keyes Road, 1st Floor Conference Room

Thursday February 14, 2019

Present: Delia Kaye (Natural Resources Director), Susan Clark (Co-Chair), Murray Nicolson (Minutes), Sandy Smith, Lola Chaisson, Stan Lucks

Visitor: Cris van Dyke

The meeting opened at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes of January 10, 2019, meeting: On a motion made by Sandy Smith and seconded by Lola Chaisson, the minutes were accepted as written. Unanimous.

Welcome to Cris Van Dyke: We welcomed Cris as a soon-to-be new member of the HMSC.

CPA Application: Our application is on the Warrant for \$21K. We are waiting for a ruling from the Concord Light Plant that there are no live lines where the wall extension is to be built. We also have to check for drainage from the road. Stan Lucks is preparing the bid documents for the work. We will need three quotes for the work, with the condition that the extension match the adjacent wall.

Plant purchases in Marion Grabhorn's name: Delia reported that we have collected \$550 for new plantings. Susan and Delia met with Lynn Huggins, Marion's daughter and a former member of the HMSC, to decide on a planting plan. It is important that it is seen as a meadow, and not a garden, with paths mowed to 6 feet wide. We would like it to be seen as a pollinator meadow, given the importance of insect life. The proposal is to plant an approximately 700 square foot area in the West Meadow, at the confluence of the two paths. The area will be weeded over the summer by Conservation Crew and volunteers and then planted with pollinator-friendly plantings in the fall. We need to evaluate what survived from our previous plantings; Delia estimated that about 50% of the Butterfly Milkweed survived, but only a few of the New Jersey Tea plants. Joan Ferguson will update the existing conditions plan in the spring

Emerson Association land sale: Delia advised us that the Emerson land adjacent to the East Meadow is being sold to raise funds for the Emerson Association endowment. Nearly six acres—consisting of land on both sides of Mill Brook and the farm field by the Ice House, including a portion of the Emerson-Thoreau Amble—will be purchased by the Town for conservation. The land will be purchased for \$200,000 with \$90,000 in CPA monies, \$60,000 from the Town budget, and \$50,000 from the Concord Land Conservation Trust. The Association is also interested in selling or restricting the house lot between the gunhouse and the Emerson House.

AOB: There was no other business

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was proposed by Lola, seconded by Sandy, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Next meeting: This is scheduled for March 14 in the Water/Sewer building at 135 Keyes Road.