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Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee Meeting
141 Keyes Road, 1st Floor Conference Room
Thursday April 11, 2019

Present: Delia Kaye (Natural Resources Director), Joanne Gibson (Co-Chair), Susan Clark (Co-Chair), Murray Nicolson (Minutes-1), Mary Clarke, Sandy Smith (Minutes-2), Cris van Dyke, Stan Lucks, Bev Miller, Mary Clarke, Lola Chaisson

The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. by Joanne Gibson

Minutes of February 14 meeting On a motion made by Sandy Smith and seconded by Mary Clarke, the minutes were approved as amended. Unanimous.

Update on RFQ for Wall Project Our item on the CPA motion on the town meeting ballot passed for about \$21,600. Stan has one more drawing to add to the RFQ package, to be sent to Stan Noble (the previous builder) and others. The RFQ will include a note for the successful contractor to dig a test pit to confirm the location of the CMLP duct bank prior to wall construction. Delia to confirm that the remaining stones from the West Meadow job are at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Pollinator Meadow Lynn Huggins and Marcia Schloss have volunteered to help. Susan, Delia and Cris will stake out the 700 square foot section. Summer crew and volunteers will weed out the area over the summer and plant in the fall. We would like an information signboard to tell what we are doing – action Delia. In addition Mary and Joanne offered to do a write-up later for the Concord Journal.

Marian Thornton Celebration Susan, Delia, and Joanne have met with Dick Thornton to discuss a celebration of Marian's life on the East Meadow on June 22nd from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., following a memorial service to be held in the First Parish Church. Marian helped preserve the meadow for the town and had a strong conservation interest. It will be a catered event with a tent, tables and chairs, and porta-potties. There might be 400-500 attendees and the area will be mowed two days in advance. In addition Mary and Joanne offered to do a write-up later for the *Concord Journal*.

Lexington Road Verge Joanne will ask Rich Reine to reseed the area along the wall within the roadway right-of-way before the June 22nd event.

Other Business:

Emerson Land: There was a brief discussion of the status of the lot between the Emerson House and the Meadow. The Emerson Association wishes to sell the lot, or a development restriction, and use the proceeds to increase the size of its endowment in order to keep the Emerson House open to the public.

New Default Speed Limit: Town Meeting adopted a new state law that authorizes a maximum speed limit of 25 mph town-wide, unless otherwise posted.

This may have positive implications for the Committee's hope of creating a dedicated crosswalk in the middle of the Heywood Street block. Stan will review to determine if the sight lines are enough given this reduced speed. A request to the Traffic Safety Committee will need to be made to approve mid-block crosswalks if sight lines are justified.

Concord Independent Battery Update: Sandy notified the Committee of the following events in which the Battery has been invited to participate:

May 2: Dedication of the American Heritage Museum in Stow. This new 70,000 sq. ft. museum operated by the Collings Foundation, opens to the public on Friday, May 3. The dedication ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 2. The Battery has been invited verbally, but is awaiting written confirmation.

May 17: Vietnam War Remembrance Day. The Battery was invited by John Benda, Commander, U.S. Navy and Executive Officer of the USS *Constitution* to fire several rounds from Fort Independence, Castle Island, Boston. (confirmed)

June 16: Re-dedication of the Melvin Memorial, Sleep Hollow Cemetery, Concord, MA, by invitation of the Town of Concord Cemetery Committee and the Melvin Memorial Re-dedication Committee. (confirmed)

Adjournment There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting Thursday May 9 at 9:00 a.m.