

LAND USE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2010 at 7:30 pm
Mendon Town Hall Mailroom

Members Present: Peter Coffin, Barry Iadarola and Anne Mazar.

Also Present: Sharon Cutler, Mark Reil and Adam Weiner.

Peter made a motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2010, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dennis Shaheen was appointed to the committee.

Greg LaPlante's project at Meadow Brook Woods and Richie Schofield's project at Founders' Park were both completed.

The project to remove the non-native water chestnuts from the 9-acre Inman Pond on the Meadow Brook Woods property was completed. 64 tons of the weeds were removed. Mechanical removal will be required for two more years. The Trustees of Reservations has committed to pay for \$9,000 towards the 2011 removal and there will be a vote at the November 29th Special Town Meeting to fund \$6000 of the project with Community Preservation funds.

The Town received the 100 hours of free consulting for the Green Communities program.

There was a discussion about the illegal use of motorized vehicles on the state and the town-owned Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area. Many neighbors have complained about this. Anne suggested pulling together the neighbors for a meeting, especially since a new state law passed where fines can be charged to violators. Mark suggested having the police also attend. **Peter made a motion to have the Land Use Committee coordinate a meeting of the Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area neighbors and other interested people to discuss the unauthorized use of motorized vehicles on the property, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Barry made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar

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September 23, 2010 at 7:30 pm
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Members Present: Peter Coffin, Barry Iadarola and Anne Mazar.

Also Present: Mark Reil, Dennis and Gregg LaPlante, Richie Schofield, Dan LaBastie.

Anne noted that Sharon has not been appointed to the committee and will ask the Selectmen to appoint her.

Peter made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Barry made a motion to have Anne be the chair of the Land Use Committee, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Gregg LaPlante gave an update on his Eagle Scout project at Meadow Brook Woods. He said he cleared the trail last spring and will be clearing it again to cut back the brush and stumps that are still there. He showed the committee the signs that will be on the boundaries of the property. All 15 signs will be posted this Saturday. The dark green signs with white writing will blend in beautifully in the woods, yet still make it clear where the borders are located. The committee thanked Gregg for his work.

Richie Schofield presented his Eagle Scout project to build a 16'x 16' patio at Founders' Park. He will use the same bricks that were used for the path at the park and use four pieces of granite from the Fino property, which Lawney Tinio will coordinate to have moved to the park. Eric Peterson is donating his time and equipment to dig the site and move the heavy materials. Richie will also have many other volunteer helpers. Richie said he got a discounted price on the bricks. Anne requested that he work closely with Susan Darnell who was the landscape designer for the park. The Historical Commission has approved the project, as well as the Park Commissioners and many other committees. Richie requested \$1,200 to fund the project.

Barry made a motion to fund Richie Schofield's Eagle Scout project at Founders' Park for \$1,200 from the Founders' Park Preservation and Enhancement Project account, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anne informed the committee that 60 tons of water chestnut weeds were removed from the Inman Pond. The pond health is greatly improved, but more work will need to be done. Anne will collect information for the next meeting.

Anne made a presentation requesting that the committee become the force behind Mendon achieving the "Green Community" designation. Anne volunteered to be the point person for this project. If Mendon was designated a Green Community and grant funds for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects would become available to the town. Anne would like to apply for 100 free hours of consulting through the program to help with the application process.

Peter made a motion to request the Selectmen to sign the attached letter, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Peter made a motion to elect Anne as a point person for the Green Community project, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Barry made a motion to designate the Land Use Committee as the Energy Committee for the Green Communities Program Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dan presented the prospect of offering six acres of his land to be leased for the installation of solar panels to give energy to the Town of Mendon. Anne, Mark and Dan will meet to discuss the details of this idea and report back to the committee.

Peter made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar.

LAND USE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2010 at 5:30 pm
Mendon Town Hall Mailroom

Members Present: Peter Coffin, Sharon Cutler, Barry Iadarola and Anne Mazar
Also Present: Mark Reil

Sharon Made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010 and March 1, 2010 meetings, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Sharon reported to the committee that the Selectmen would like another Open Space and Recreation Plan survey done. Anne said that another survey would need to be done in two years to update the OSRP. Barry suggested that these questions could be added to the Master Plan survey to save money. Barry will follow up on this.

The Selectmen were also worried about cemetery space. Sharon found where Swandale is almost full, there are 200 plots available in a George Street cemetery and the average number of plots needed per year in Mendon is about ten. About ten years ago, Anne had showed the Swandale Commissioners the Kelly property for a cemetery, but they were not interested.

The Selectmen also believe the town needs more sports fields. Peter suggested using the town-owned Fino property on the section for municipal use. Sharon suggested Shirley Cahill fields. Anne said if the town bought them, several acres should also be set aside for lease to a farmer so the farm stand might be reopened. Sharon said it would also allow access to the town-owned 8-acre Cook's cemetery. Anne suggested cremation plots in the cemetery should be offered. Barry said that Milford has one that is a memorial cremation plot that can take many people's ashes.

The Founders' Park dedication will be on Memorial Day after the parade per the request of the Selectmen. Sharon has some historical information she will send Anne. Sharon also suggested inviting Moore and Fernandes and asking them to speak also. Peter suggested opening the Mendon Historical Museum for the event also. Anne will follow through on the suggestions.

Peter made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne S. Mazar

LAND USE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm
Mendon Town Hall Selectmen's Room

Members Present: Sharon Cutler, Barry Iadarola and Anne Mazar

Also Present: See attached MBW Contact List

Mark Reil had a PowerPoint presentation about the Meadow Brook Woods and the concept of forming a Meadow Brook Woods Association to take care of the property and plan events. There was a lot of interest.

Concerns and ideas people had included: liability, hunting, ATVs on the trail, forming a website, the pond and plans for the property.

Another meeting will be set in April for the group, but it will not be a Land Use Committee meeting.

Submitted by Anne S. Mazar

LAND USE COMMITTEE
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February 4, 2010 at 7:30 pm
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Members Present: Peter Coffin, Sharon Cutler, Barry Iadarola, Anne Mazar and Lawney Tinio. **Also Present:** Dennis and Greg LaPlante, Mark Reil and Kevin Rudden.

Greg, from Mendon Troop 44, presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to the committee. He said he would clear a footpath from the Meadow Brook Woods (MBW) sign on Park Street to the cart path that leads up to the cabin. He would also put "No Trespassing Private Property" signs around the boundary of the land to delineate where people can hike and to let the property owners know where their land ends. He hoped to do the work in the spring. The committee decided that between 11-20 signs, marking the

corners and in between where appropriate and that Greg should use his judgment as to where the signs would be most effective. The committee will be the advisor for Greg.

Kevin, from Mendon Troop 44, said that he has other Eagle Scout projects lined up to continue the trail work. He also gave an update on the cabin on the MBW property. He said it is sealed up and the garbage in the area is almost all cleaned out, the roof is on and the cabin is ready for siding, windows and doors. The snow hampered their efforts and they will resume when they have access. Kevin is also looking into attaching metal removable door to the windows to prevent vandalism.

Mark, a senior at Nipmuc HS, presented his project for MBW to set up an association to foster stewardship of the MBW property. He would like to hold a meeting in early March to get the process going. **Peter made a motion for Mark to spend up to \$100 for the mailing and meeting expenses, Lawney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Barry made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/18/08, 3/10/09 and 10/1/09 meetings, Lawney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anne told the committee about Ellen Gould who is a 4-H Club leader in Mendon. She wants to start a community gardens project with her students. The committee suggested that she possible use the Fino property on Rt. 16 or the Inman Hill property. She will work with Peter Hawkes, who hays the Inman Hill property, and get back to the committee with a plan. The project would be presented to the Selectmen. **Sharon made a motion to support the efforts of the 4-H Club to start a community gardens project on town land, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Anne told the committee that the Founders' Park Project received a generous donation of \$25,000. A dedication will be held for the park on Memorial Day. Anne asked for suggestions for attractively displaying the Annual Town Meeting/voting signs. Lawney suggested using granite posts. Anne will follow through with Lawney.

The Open Space and Recreation Plan goals and objectives were reviewed. The committee made slight changes and the plan was approved.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm, Lawney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne S. Mazar

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Mendon Town Hall Mailroom

Members Present: Sharon Cutler, Barry Iadarola and Anne Mazar. **Also Present:** Dan Fluery and Kevin Rudden.

Dan Fluery and Kevin Rudden from boy scout Troop 44 presented a proposal to fix up the cabin at Meadow Brook Woods for rough camping. They would first reroof it and board up all the windows to protect it from the winter and vandalism. They would also clean up the area. The cost would be \$3000. Anne suggested that CPA funds might be available for this. After this initial stage, the work and expense would be done through Eagle Scout projects.

Sharon made a motion to support the restoration of the cabin on the Meadow Brook Woods property for rough camping, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Kevin said Scout Gregg LaPlante is interested in clearing the trails on the Meadow Brook Woods property. Anne invited Gregg to a Land Use Committee meeting and said that any trail work would need to be approved by the Conservation Commission and The Trustees of Reservations.

Sharon made a motion to vote Anne in as Chair of the Land Use Committee, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, Sharon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar

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