

**LAND USE COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Mendon Town Hall Mail Room**

**Members Present:** Sharon Cutler, Anne Mazar, Barry Iadarola, Pete Coffin, Mark Reil  
Guest: Patrice Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Anne Mazar.

**Minutes of 4-20-15 were reviewed. A motion was made by Peter Coffin to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mark and passed with unanimous approval.**

Patrice Murphy discussed Meadow Brook Uplands and explained that she is currently working with Con Com, Metacomet Land Trust and the State on the grant she obtained for projects on this property. **Motion: Sharon moved to support the trail marking, mapping and appointment of Patrice Murphy as the LUC Liaison for the Meadow Brook Uplands Conservation Area. Mark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval. The Committee appreciates all the work and effort that Patrice has contributed to this very special Town owned property.**

Discussion took place on the continuation of weed removal from Inman Pond. The past years of weed removal has resulted in a reduction of 80% of the weeds. **Motion: Mark made a motion to recommend that the Town vote to transfer \$6,000 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund the removal of non-native and invasive water chestnut weeds on Inman Pond in conjunction with the Trustees of Reservations funding \$8,000 of the \$14,000 project in the spring/summer of 2015. Barry seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval of the Committee.**

The committee discussed the need to identify the exact boundaries of property the Town owns at 13 Pleasant Street. **Motion: Peter moved that the Town transfer an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the Mendon Land Bank account to fund the surveying of the Town-owned parcel at 13 Pleasant Street. Sharon seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval of the Committee.**

The committee discussed the Trail Management of the Meadow Brook Woods. **Motion: Peter made the motion to approve the trail making and clearing at the Meadow Brook Woods property under approval by Parks Dept through Dan Byer. The motion was seconded by Mark and passed with the unanimous approval of the Committee.**

Further discussion took place on the Open Space by-law changes the committee had recommended at the last meeting and before the open hearing on this by-law.

The committee was provided with an update on the Cox property and no change of ownership has yet taken place.

Anne advised the committee that the Historic Commission is going for a Grant for a Town Hall Campus Study.

Sharon advised the committee that the 350<sup>th</sup> committee would like to plant some Maple trees (either sugar maple or red maple) to add color to the R16 conservation area to make it a more welcoming and beautiful entrance to the Town. Recommendations were made to limit plantings around the trees (due to the maintenance requirements) and look to revise the plans after talking to Kathy Schofield ie: design and with Peter Hawkes for haying requirements. **Motion: Peter**

**made a motion to recommend that the Town transfer up to \$7,500 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund the planting of native trees along Route 16 on the Muddy Brook North Conservation Area, 20 Milford Street for Mendon's 350<sup>th</sup> celebration. Barry seconded the motion and it was passed with the unanimous approval of the Committee.**

**Barry moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 PM. Sharon seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous approval.**

Submitted by Sharon Cutler  
Secretary