

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023 7:00 PM

Members Present: Anne Mazar, Peter Coffin, Alejna Brugos, Frank Niro and Carolyn Barthel
Guests: Becky Gallagher, Baystate Trail Riders Assoc., Ticia Low, Land Steward.

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM and all present introduced themselves.

Carolyn/Alejna motion to accept the minutes of the prior meeting as presented was so voted unanimously.

Inman Hill: Anne introduced Becky Gallagher from the Baystate Trail Riders Association. Anne reported that members of the board had previously walked the fields at Inman Hill to determine the location of potential trails for horse riding. Becky submitted a map showing the proposed location of the trails. Becky explained that, if acceptable, the trail would be marked with flags prior to final acceptance by the Committee. The trail would be located outside of the existing hayfields and be approximately 6 feet wide. Land clearing equipment may have to be utilized in some areas. A suggestion was made to use local vendors in the event that someone would need to be hired for the trail clearing. Becky thanks the committee and will mark the trails for further consideration.

Hike Challenge: Anne updated the Committee on the “Mendon Hike Challenge” progress. Anne reported that the hike challenge should kick off in the next couple of weeks and that the challenge would be posted on the town website and social media. An Information Sheet will be provided to interested hikers. Signage will be placed along the trail with QR Codes for public information. **The Peter/Carolyn motion to approve funding up to \$30.00 for the QR Codes was so voted unanimously.**

Annual Town Meeting: Anne reported that the purchase of the “Paddock Property” on Providence Road will be on the Town Meeting Warrant. The property consists of approximately 60 acres and the single-family residence will be carved out and designated as Affordable Housing. The property appraised for \$1,110,000.00 and the town will purchase the property for \$990,000.00 using CPC Funding. **The Peter/Carolyn motion to approve the purchase was so voted unanimously.**

Open Space and Recreation: Tabled to the next meeting.

Town Cleanup Day: April 15th – 30th

Next meeting is on May 9th at 7 PM.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM, Carolyn seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

Submitted by Frank Niro

