

LAND USE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 6:30 pm
56 Pleasant Street, Mendon

Members Present: Sharon Cutler, Barry Iadarola and Anne Mazar. Mark Reil by phone.
Others Present: Derek Markel, Patrice Murphy and Kevin Rudden

Volunteer Trail Stewards and the committee talked about trails, signage and policies. Kevin presented the Meadow Brook Woods Cabin – Use Policy (attached). The committee previously approved this. Kevin will bring it to the Select Board for their approval. Kevin mentioned several maintenance items on the MBWs property that he will take care of this winter/spring.

Patrice said she will be posting boundary signs, especially by Millville Street where the Meadow Brook Uplands property is not clearly marked on the neighbor's land and the neighbors are encroaching on the town land. Anne will see if an article can be added to the May Annual town Meeting to cover the survey costs. Patrice will also be sending out a positive letter from Metacomet Land Trust, who holds the conservation restriction, to abutters letting them know they live by protected open space, the rules of the property and soliciting volunteers and any concerns or ideas from abutters. Patrice will share the letter so that we could send out similar letters to abutters on other open space properties.

Derek gave an update on the Iman Hill/Quissett property mentioning fallen trees on the path and the trail blazes that needed to be refreshed.

Various signage needs were discussed, Anne will look into adding a warrant article for funding for trail maintenance and signage. Anne mentioned that the town clean-up is on April 20th.

Anne discussed a tax title property on 32 Pleasant Street that might make a good trail linkage from MBU to the Mendon Town Forest. She is working with town counsel to resolve this.

Anne gave an update on the Low Impact Development practices that are being worked into the town zoning bylaws and subdivision regulations. CMRPC is consulting the town on the project through a MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant. The project is getting input from many town committees and the goal is to have warrant articles for the May ATM.

Anne mentioned the ad hoc Energy and Sustainability Committee and said that one project Carolyn Barthel and she are looking into is Green Aggregation for electricity for town residents. The goal is to have a rate that is less than the National Grid rate and includes Class 1 renewable energy above the state minimum requirements. Residents could opt out at any time.

The Trask property is being surveyed and the legal documents to give the town ownership of the 50+/- acres of open land and give Mr. Gagner, who was given a life estate in Harvey Trasks will, the house and lot.

Anne told the committee that she will be working with town counsel to put two-acre house lot at 15 Inman Hill Road, up for sale through an RFP. Sharon stressed that the funds from the house lot sale should not go into the general account, but into the accounts of stabilization, capital expenditures and/or the Land Use Committee (for maintenance of the open space properties).

Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/28/28 meeting minutes, Barry and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting ended approximately at 8 pm.

Minutes submitted by Anne Mazar.