

CITY MEADOW COMMITTEE
January 28, 2019
DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order: Molly Ackerly called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Attendance: Barbara Spiegel, Adair Mali, Molly Ackerly, and First Selectman Matt Riiska.

John Anderson and Pete Anderson were absent.

Minutes: Motion to amend DRAFT minutes from December 17, 2018 to state that the committee approved the 2019 schedule of meetings. Moved by B. Spiegel; Second by A. Mali. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the DRAFT minutes from December 17, 2018 as amended. Moved by B. Spiegel; Second by A. Mali. Motion passes.

Correspondence: John Anderson shared a proposal from Kathy Connelly re an upcoming class on creating a meadow.

Phase I-remaining items

- SumCo will re-seed the meadow in the spring. John Anderson is reviewing the seed mixtures. Matt Riiska will follow-up with John Anderson re selecting the seed mix to be used.
- Matt Riiska will follow-up with SumCo about cutting down the phragmites this winter.
- SumCo sent the plant inventory to Matt Riiska. John Anderson has reviewed it.

Phase II

- The test borings have been completed. Bob Gilchrest is confident that we can put peers into the ground to build stairs to Robertson Plaza.
- Motion to approve the \$10,000 bill for drilling the borings and the accompanying report, which Matt Riiska has. Moved by A. Mali; Second by B. Spiegel. Motion passes.
- Bob Gilchrest will produce a design for stairs.
- Bob Gilchrest is working on a design for the deck near the pond. He is also working on a design for two bump-outs on the boardwalk for the placement of two benches. These plans will be run by the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Ongoing Maintenance

- Dead, down trees in the meadow will be left in place to rot.
- Standing dead trees near the pizza building will be cut and removed or cut up and left to rot. Matt Riiska will follow up on this.
- Regarding ongoing yearly maintenance, Matt Riiska will follow-up with Kathy Connelly regarding her rates. He will invite her to the March 2019 City Meadow meeting.
- Matt Riiska will talk to Annie at SumCo re the balance of the work SumCo will complete.

Next meeting: March 18 at 5:30.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Spiegel
Acting Secretary