

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

Committee Members

Kris Clark – Chair Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair
Duncan Gibson Steve Gould James Hinkle Thomas Lee Thomas Mullen Steve O'Neil
Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

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January 13, 2014

367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA - 2nd Floor - Selectmen's Conference Room

5:30 PM

Minutes

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Present
Duncan Gibson	Present
James Hinkle	Present
Thomas Mullen	Present
Stephen O'Neil	Present
Tom Lee	Present
Steve Gould	Arrives at 5:50
Vacant	

Also present were Ann Canedy, Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Farley Lewis, Ed Maroney and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant.

As a quorum has been met, Chair Kris Clark opens the meeting at 5:32 PM. She recognizes that LAPC has a new liaison, Jessica Rapp Grassetti and notes that Ann Canedy will no longer be serving as this committee's liaison. She introduces Jessica Rapp Grassetti. Jim Hinkle welcomes Jessica and thanks Ann Canedy who has been a tremendous asset to this committee.

Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2013

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Duncan Gibson to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: All in favor

Updates

Santuit Preserve – Phyllis Miller

Phyllis states that she met with three employees from DPW at the site on December 20, 2013 and that Dan Santos had asked her to show them the items and areas of concern. She was assured that this will be taken care of.

Pathways:

Tom Mullen states that they had a meeting at the county with a representative from the Cape Cod Commission, Heather McElroy. They discussed how there can be a better presentation of exactly what and

how the pathways work in each town and then coordinate how they are mapped. They need to add points of location information on these maps and was a general conclusion on how to approach this. Farley Lewis, who also attended the meeting, states that it seemed to her that one of the major concerns was identifying a point person to handle questions and problems and the process on how they choose that person. She notes that Darcy Karle is presently functioning in that capacity and is willing to continue doing so. Ann Canedy states that she has a meeting with Tom Lynch – Town Manager, on Wednesday and will discuss with him the willingness to extend staff and willingness to apply for AmeriCorp assistance. She would like to see a meeting of the parties involved such as Barnstable Land Trust, Town of Barnstable, a representative from this committee, etc. Tom Mullen states that one of the things that came up at the meeting is the vacancy of Alisha Parker's position, which in part was to oversee town properties, and the need for someone to fill that role. Ann Canedy states that the town shouldn't have to handle Pathways alone and that the Program needs a point person to call in order to handle difficulties on the trails. It is hoped that the Town could get a contract or agreement with AmeriCorp to walk the whole trail, widen it, fix signs or whatever needs to be done and then set up a point person in the Town of Barnstable to handle referrals.

Trail maintenance update: Tom Mullen, Steve Gould

Tom Mullen reports that Steve Gould is eager to do maintenance.

Community Preservation Committee meeting of December 16, 2013

Steve O'Neil attended the meeting and states that it was short meeting and that there were letters of intent for the Stone's Antiques store on Main Street. He believes they took the letter of intent to the next position of application for open space purchase. There was a discussion on historic preservation funds and a brief discussion on housing.

Tom Lee states that a notice went out from the chairman of the Conservation Committee mentioning the two possible ways to water in Cotuit. He states that this matter is still open and that Mr. Houle has talked to Lindsey Counsell about how to proceed through legal, CPC and LAPC in order to acquire this parcel. He suggests that LAPC could give support for this acquisition to CPC and believes it will come up at the next CPC meeting after which he will report back.

Duncan Gibson to attend the January 27th CPC meeting.

Steve Gould arrives at 5:50 PM.

Old Business

Chair's report: Kris Clark

▪ **Letter sent to Town Council regarding proposed Bike Path**

Kris reports that this board was sent a copy of that letter and executed it according to LAPC's vote.

▪ **Barnstable Water District**

Kris reports that their next meeting is this Thursday at 3:00 PM at the water district's office. If anyone is interested from this committee is interested, please attend.

▪ **Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Water District**

Kris received a message from Craig Crocker, their superintendent and will attend that meeting with Tom Lee on February 5th. If anyone is interested in attending, please let her know as not to violate the Open Meeting Law. CPC will accept suggestions once LAPC has visited all water districts. COMM will be forthcoming with Cotuit and Barnstable. She believes that this will be accomplished this year as it relates to protecting water zones. They discuss inviting councilors to the meeting.

▪ **2010 Open Space & Recreation Plan review**

Duncan has agreed to chair the review of the Open Space & Recreation Plan as it is in LAPC's charge as a committee. Duncan explains that he has begun to go through this plan and what would be helpful to the Town would be to take this committee's mandate and use it as a goal throughout the year not only pertaining

to acquisition but also preservation and protection. Jessica Rapp Grasseti notes that it is one of the goals of the Town Council to bring each committee's chair before them in order to familiarize themselves with each committee's goals.

▪ **Update on the vacancy on our committee**

Kris states that the vacancy still exists. Jessica Rapp Grasseti states that she has appointed members to the Appointments Committee which will be before the Town Council on Thursday and has also set up a meeting on January 22nd. She understands that there is at least one applicant for his committee and hopes that this vacancy will be filled soon.

Tom Mullen asks Steve O'Neil if he has had success with the bike paths proximity to the Industrial Park area in terms of water supply/protection. Steve O'Neil explains that letters have been sent to the Town on this and understands that a decision is forthcoming.

New Business

James Hinkle states that two issues have come up in the press regarding a possible land swap pertaining to the shooting range which consists of approximately 30 acres. If 30 acres is to be replaced, he thinks this committee should be involved. He states that according to a recent article in the Barnstable Patriot, that a compromise could be forthcoming but that there are different views from the state and the town as to what the definition of passive recreation is.

Tom Lee comments that the Conservation Commission (ConComm) and Town Administration have spent some time with the state officials regarding this and thinks that the tone of the discussion has been of cooperation. He states that they ConComm and the Town are waiting to hear from the state as to what is the common ground in regards to the process, what the acreage will be, and how to minimize the legal challenge in regards of the process of swapping the land but still maintaining the shooting range as is.

James Hinkle also states that there was an article in today's Cape Cod Times reporting that some conservation groups may face tax tests. There is a case in the Town of Hawley regarding conservation restrictions and access which is pending before the State Supreme Court. He believes that this affects LAPC as a committee since it is in their charge to recommend conservation restrictions.

Announcements

Ann Canedy wants to thank everyone and compliments this committee as she has seen a progressive, dynamic energy from LAPC regarding their charge.

Duncan Gibson announces that on February 1st, the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trust in concert with the Land Trust Alliance is having their biannual workshop in Bourne. Anyone interested should contact Mark Robinson at the Compact.

Motion is made by Steve O'Neil and seconded by James Hinkle to adjourn.

Vote: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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