



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition Preservation Committee



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Committee Members

Kris Clark – Chair Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair
 Elissa Crowley Duncan Gibson Steve Gould Thomas Lee Farley Lewis Thomas Mullen Vacant
 Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

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Minutes

March 09, 2015

5:30 PM

Selectman’s Conference Room – 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Absent
Elissa Crowley	Present
Duncan Gibson	Absent
Steve Gould	Present @ 5:40pm
Thomas Mullen	Absent
Tom Lee	Present
Farley Lewis	Present
Anne Rowland	Present

Call to Order

Kris Clark opens the meeting and calls it to order at 5:35pm

Guest Speakers

Finance Director, Mark Milne made a presentation on the financial outlook of the Community Preservation Funds as it relates to open space. Mr. Milne distributed a financial update as of 03.09.2015 (Exhibit A) and stated this is similar to what was distributed approximately four years ago. First he reviewed the program designations of Community Housing, Historic Preservation, Open Space Recreation and Undesignated with regard to FY15 Revenues, Appropriations and Returned Appropriations. He noted that the Undesignated Funds can be used for any of the previous three categories. Next he explained the Schedule of Continuing Appropriations that reflect project that have been completed and those still active. The largest item here is the \$500,000 that has been appropriated for the Long Beach Road Land Acquisition, but not expended.

NOTE: Steve Gould arrives at 5:40pm

Lastly, Mr. Milne reviewed a Statement reflecting the last nine years to show how this fund has grown. These funds, of course, earn interest and the Town used to receive State matching funds. Since the program has evolved, however, many more communities are requesting funds and there is less money available. The Town of Barnstable has one of the largest state tax funds. A review of the Bond proceeds indicated that the last time a bond was issued was in FY10 for renovations to the exterior of Town Hall. The Expenditures over the last nine years show that the Bonds go down every year and this will continue as we pay down the bonds.

Kris Clark asked when Recreation was allowed to be part of Open Space and Mr. Milne stated he believes this took affect in 2012. Kris Clark added that the new little league field is included in the budget and she explained to the new members that when the Land Bank program began it was for open space only. Eventually, the land Bank program became part of the Community Preservation Act to use the funds for other programs.

Tom Lee added that the money allocated to historical preservation is all gone for this year, but they could tap into the undesignated funds.

Guest Speakers (Continued)

Mark Robinson of the Cape Cod Conservation Trust was present to discuss the Miceli Conservation Restriction at 38 Sandalwood Drive, Cotuit and distributed information on the property (Exhibit B). The Miceli property is comprised of 7.25 acres of which half is upland and half is a maple swamp. This property also has a potential vernal pool where spotted salamanders might breed. The Conservation Trust will check in the Spring for any activity. Total parcel is 8.25 acres with a house on Sandalwood. Due to the 2 acre minimum, the Miceli's would keep two acres and a Conservation Restriction in perpetuity where the Miceli's would keep ownership was decided for the remaining 7.25 acres. This is also a property that has been declared eligible for a state tax credit. The Conservation Restriction has been drafted and approved by the State and are now working through the Town committees such as this LACP Committee and Conservation and then on to the Town Council.

Kris Clark asked if this allows for public access and Mark Robinson replied that the land does not lend itself to such access as there is no place to stop and park, but the public will benefit from the wonderful views of the maple swamp.

Motion duly made by Farley Lewis, seconded by Elissa Crowley to accept the Conservation Restriction and recommend to Town Council for approval.

So Voted Unanimously

Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2015

Motion duly made by Steve Gould, seconded by Tom Lee to Approve the Minutes of January 12, 2015 as submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

Updates

Santuit Preserve – Kris Clark reported that Phyllis Miller has no update at this time

Pathways – Elissa Crowley stated they are waiting on the grant feedback. Kris Clark added that the awards were expected by March 1st, but understands that decisions have not been finalized. Elissa Crowley inquired about a walking weekend on Patriot's Day. Kris Clark responded that to her knowledge, the Cape Cod Commission is not doing anything. Kris Clark suggested Elissa Crowley recommend a meeting place and a walk plan, even if it is one they have done before. Elissa Crowley asked about advertising and Kris Clark noted that they can advertise through the town website and send PSA's to local newspapers and websites. If the decision on the grant is finalized, they could announce that to tie in with the walking tour.

Community Preservation Committee – Tom Lee reported that the Committee met on February 23, 2015 and approved 2 Letters of Intent which will go into the application stage. Both LOI's were for the Housing Authority. One to purchase land on Ridgewood Avenue for a duplex and the other for roof replacement on the Career House at 71 Pleasant Street. They also approved an Application for land purchase at 111 Prince Avenue, Marstons Mills to create a parking area for Prince Cove Landing. The Historical preservation monies have been spent for this category. The Committee also is trying to organize a workshop for housing with HAC and Habitat to collaborate on how the money can be spent. Kris Clark asked about a topographical survey and Tom Lee responded that was for the pike path.

Old Business

West Barnstable Water District – Kris Clark reported that a meeting with the Water Commissioner's has been held and a discussion took place on how to provide the recommendations. LACP does not have the authority to go into Executive Session, so now she is looking to deliver the recommendations to CPC and see if this Committee could move forward with the suggestions. The recommendations may be ranked by need, rather than one from each Village. Regardless, this will not be done in open meetings by LACP.

Preservation of Breed's Hill property – Town Council Liaison Ann Canedy was present and reported that there are no new updates, but this property has been tied to the shooting range. At first, she thought it was a great idea, but now is not so sure. Town Council continued the discussion on the shooting range to April. She feels it would be better to have the range a municipal property and out of Conservation jurisdiction. If this is not resolved by November when her term limit expires, she hopes that

her predecessor will work to protect Breed's Hill. Councilor Canedy stated that it has become more complicated with the shoot range and hopes that Breed's Hill can remain separate.

Chair's Update

Kris Clark reminded members of the Conflict of Interest training that will take place this Thursday and noted that she just received notification and requests that advance notice be given in the future.

Kris Clark concluded by stating that she does expect invited guests from Barnstable Natural Resources and Mashpee to attend the next scheduled meeting.

Adjournment

Having no one from the public wishing comment, a Motion was duly made by Tome Lee, seconded by Elissa Crowley to adjourn at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Fair, Recording Secretary

Exhibits:

Exhibit A – Financial Update as of 2015.03.09 for Community Preservation Fund

Exhibit B – Property information Miceli Conservation Restriction dated 9 March 2015

Approved