



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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Committee Members

Ann Canedy – Chair Farley Lewis – Vice Chair
Kris Clark Elissa Crowley Janet Crystal Steve Gould Thomas Lee Phyllis Miller Anne Rowland
Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

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Minutes

Monday, June 11, 2018

5:30 PM

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

Ann Canedy - Chair	Present
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller	Present
Kris Clark	Present
Steve Gould	Present
Tom Lee	Present
Elissa Crowley	Present
Anne Rowland	Present
Janet Crystal	Present

Also present were Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison, Martin Wunderly – Town of Barnstable Conservation Agent, Dylan Davids and Emily Baker from AmeriCorp, and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant

As a quorum has been met, Ann opens the meeting at 5:35 pm. All members introduce themselves.

Call to Order/Introduction of Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee Members

Ann reads the following with no response:

Notice of Recording

Please note that this meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18. In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A §20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and if so, to please make their presence known.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from LAPC meeting of May 14, 2018

Motion is made by Farley Lewis and seconded by Phyllis Miller to approve the minutes as submitted

Vote:

All in favor

Old Business:

- **Status of Santuit Preserve Management Plan-Phyllis Miller**
Phyllis has nothing new to report
- **Update on Pending Conservation Restrictions-Prince Avenue/Harju/Shaw/Amaral/Magadena/Pozen**

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Jessica Rapp-Grassetti reports that the Pozen CR has been approved by Town Council at their last meeting, was reviewed by the Town Attorney's office but has not gone to the State as of yet. Jessica states that the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) is holding the CR and Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) owns it. Ann Canedy notes that this was a tax credit parcel.

Ann Canedy doesn't have any other news on the Harju, Shaw, Amaral or Magadena CR's.

New Business:

- **Review of Pathways Improvements – Dylan Davids and Emily Baker from AmeriCorp**

Dylan Davids gives a presentation (Exhibit A):

- First slide is the "Work Done Completed on Pathways". He notes that the kiosks will be installed this week and cemented in place. They also have created new maps (Exhibit B) taking into account the trails which are new and which have been updated by the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department. Ann Canedy asks if they can use it to put it on the website or perhaps on the Conservation website. Dylan will work with Jim Benoit from GIS to get that finished.
- Dylan shows "Issue County Farm Reroute". Some of the conflicting parcels that are going through the pathways from Sandwich to downtown Barnstable Village will be avoided. Ann notes that the parcels that this committee has worked on are not within the conflicted area and that LAPC has been supporting the effort in rerouting. She has recommended people in Barnstable County to whom AmeriCorp could speak to regarding this. Dylan states the trail map does not include the conflicted parcels and are mostly clear of storm damage and walkable. They received information from Heather McElroy from Cape Cod Commission about the pathways to utilize.
- He shows "Hike thru Barnstable" which will be on June 23, 2018 from Meetinghouse Farm to Millway Beach which will include approximately 80% of the pathways throughout the town.
- Next slide is "Remaining Issues" regarding flooded parcels which he points out on a map on the smartboard. He states that there is also another issue regarding the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) and thinks someone should reach out to them about biking versus hiking on the trails. He also notes that next year, the Department of Public Works (DPW) might not have the funding for a member to do the maintenance of the trails. However, AmeriCorp is considering volunteering their time in order to do the maintenance. Ann Canedy thanks AmeriCorp and is pleased with the work that has been done. Ann also notes that Barnstable County is no longer sponsoring the pathways and that each town is now responsible for their part. She notes that the Town of Barnstable's pathways has always been under the charge of this committee.

- **Report on Conservation land maintenance – Martin Wunderly**

Martin Wunderly gives a PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit C). He states that the Conservation Commission (ConComm) owns some parcels in town used for recreational purposes as well as being useful for maintaining habitat and open space. He states that the maintenance of the trails is done through work orders initiated with the Department of Public Works (DPW). He notes that both Dylan and Emily have been important in blazing the pathway trails making sure they are clear, open and marked. He notes that Emily has been working on a new colored marking system and explains. He notes how important AmeriCorp has been in maintaining the trails/pathways. He shows slides on downed trees, trail markings and map updates. He states that Jim Benoit from the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department will be reviewing this information and will be matching the colors of the trails to the existing trails on the current maps. He points out the Bridge Creek problem area on Blue loop and the problem area near the railroad tracks. He shows the construction of a boardwalk at Bridge Creek. Ann Canedy suggests contacting the Sheriff's Department perhaps for assistance with the labor aspect. Farley asks who to contact if they find downed trees on these ConComm trails. Martin recommends calling him at 508-862-4042 or emailing him: martin.wunderly@town.barnstable.ma.us and to include pictures and location of the problem area. He suggests that they could also contact the Town's Tree Warden.

- **Comment from the chair on the status of Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee**

Ann Canedy states that Town Council is contemplating repealing the legislation that created this committee. One of the issues, she believes, is that town councilors and town administration aren't aware of what this committee does. She has heard that the administration and town council committees feel that they can do what LAPC does. She believes that the people of the Town of Barnstable are at the top of the town's organizational chart, then Town Council and then staff. This committee was formed by her in 2005 which made the Land Bank moot. When the Community Preservation Act came about, the funds were split between affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and then later recreation. The Town Manager, at that time, and Lindsey Counsell urged her, as a town councilor, to form this committee to take the place of the open space committee to advise CPC of land acquisition issues. The current makeup of the CPC has representatives from housing, historic, recreation but

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no open space representative. She would hope that if this committee is repealed that a representative from this committee be put on CPC to address the open space issues fairly along with housing and historic issues by that body.

Ann states that one of the other charges of LAPC was to review the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Kris Clark, Farley Lewis, Elissa Crowley and herself worked very hard with staff and the consultant on the Open Space Plan this year and thinks that this document is better because of this committee. This committee also has a charge in reviewing conservation restrictions which she looks at closely and knows that because of the nature of the parcel and the State's model format, that they also have to be tweaked accordingly and thinks that this committee has been valuable for that reason. Another charge of this committee is having a LAPC member on the Santuit Preserve Committee. She notes that Phyllis Miller has worked consistently in getting work done regarding the maintenance on the trail at the Preserve and has been instrumental in her efforts in following up on getting a management plan in place.

As for pathways, Ann states that Farley Lewis has been instrumental in reaching out to AmeriCorp regarding the pathways and coordinating the walks which they sponsor in the spring and fall. She thanks all the members who have led the walks and participated in getting the pathways program going.

Janet is impressed with depth and breadth of knowledge of the people on this committee who get things done and is happy to be on this committee. Ann thanks the past chairs and members and notes that there is no lack of quorum or enthusiasm by members of this committee and thanks everyone.

Jessica Rapp-Grassetti notes that the Town Attorney's office did give a response to each of this committee's charges (Exhibit D). She would also like to see a position on CPC for an advocate for Open Space whose main focus is to look at the conservation restrictions and encourages members to come to the Town Council meeting on June 21st to comment on the repeal of the legislation that created this committee.

- **Adjournment**

Motion is made by Steve Gould and seconded by Phyllis Miller to adjourn

Vote:

All in favor