



# Town of Barnstable Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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Committee Members:

- Kristine Clark, Chair
  - Phyllis Miller, Vice Chair
  - Laura Cronin
  - Stephen Farrar
  - Duncan Gibson
  - James Hinkle
  - Thomas Mullen
  - Stephen O’Neil
  - Tom Lee
- Town Council Liaison:  
John Norman

## Minutes Monday March 12, 2012

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Present
Laura Cronin	Present
Stephen Farrar	Absent
Duncan Gibson	Absent
James Hinkle	Absent
Thomas Mullen	Absent
Stephen O’Neil	Present
Tom Lee	Present
John Norman – TC Liaison	Absent
Ann Canedy	Present

Also present were Farley Lewis, Ed Maroney of the Barnstable Patriot and Jim Kinsella of the Barnstable Enterprise.

Kris Clark opens the meeting although a quorum has not yet been met. She indicates that they are waiting for Steve O’Neil to arrive in order to make quorum. While waiting for Steve O’Neil, Kris goes right to Old Business.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from LAP meeting of February 13, 2012

### **Old Business**

#### **Update on follow-up meeting with Barnstable Fire District:**

Thursday, March 22nd at 7pm at the Unitarian Church in Barnstable Village  
Kris indicates that there will be another meeting with the Prudential Committee, Water District as well as members of the Barnstable Civic Association to broaden suggestions on how this committee can support issues relative to open space and recreation. She indicates that a lively discussion happened in January at which they identified a parcel of interest adjacent to a well and also addressed some concerns about land usage in the area. What they hope to do at the next meeting is to canvas a broader audience and bring forward more input to advance those suggestions. Kris indicates that Phyllis will not be present at the next meeting.



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Steve O'Neil arrives.

### **February 27th meeting: Tom Mullen**

Kris indicates that Tom Mullen is not here to give an update and asks Tom Lee for comments. Tom Lee indicates that at that meeting, the committee didn't process any applications but moved applications to the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kris indicates that Laura Cronin will be attending the next CPC meeting and that any suggestions can be forwarded to her.

Kris Clark indicates that at LAPC's meeting in February, Steve O'Neil had recommended that parcels, as they relate to the Open Space and Recreation Plan criteria, be evaluated on an individual basis.

Motion is made by Laura Cronin and seconded by Tom Lee that they accept Steve O'Neil's recommendation.

Vote:

All present in favor.

### **Updates**

#### **Pathways: Tom Mullen**

Kris Clark indicates that Tom Mullen is not here, however, Farley Lewis, volunteer, is here to speak about the Cape Walk which will take place from June 2, 2012 to June 10, 2012. Farley indicates that the walk will start at Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown and end at Scusset Beach in Sandwich. Farley indicates that herself and two others will lead the hike on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> starting at Old Townhouse Road in Yarmouth and going as far as Cape Cod Community College. She indicates that the next day will be a continuation of the walk through Barnstable and, as of yet, they are not sure who is going to lead that part of the walk. Tom Lee suggests leaving pamphlets at the Conservation Commission putting it on the website when it is complete. The members discuss a link on LAPC's webpage in order to contact someone regarding this. Farley indicates that more information can be found at [pathways@capecodcommission.org](mailto:pathways@capecodcommission.org).

#### **Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller**

Phyllis indicates that one of LAPC's charges is to oversee the Santuit Preserve which hasn't had a lot of management. She indicates that the Town of Mashpee has paid more attention to this as 90% of the property is in their town.

Ann Canedy arrives.

Phyllis Miller explains that when the city of Taunton had problems with their own dam, the state inspected theirs as well as surrounding areas and determined that the Santuit Preserve dam was in need of repair or replacement. Because of that determination, funding will come from the state as well as from the Town of Barnstable and the Town of Mashpee. However, there is still not a management plan in place as of yet. She indicates that an informal group of people met on February 18, 2012 which included, herself, Councilor Ann Canedy, Councilor Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Kris Clark, Tom Lee, Dennis Houle, Bill Keto, Jim Gould, Lee Roscoe, and Drew McManus from Mashpee. Phyllis indicates that the group discussed where the members were regarding this project and that no business or motions were taken. After the discussion, they went over to the



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Phyllis and I walked the area. She indicates that they were pleased that there wasn't as much trash as there was last fall and it was noted that the area has been staked out as to where the equipment will be brought in relative to the anticipated repair work. Phyllis indicates that Drew McManus has since messaged her indicating that Mashpee also does not have a management plan for the project. She believes that this group will be getting together more often and will discuss whether a subcommittee is needed.

Tom Lee indicates that he has spoken to Roger Parsons who will be seeking funds from the coastal mitigation plan fund. Tom also spoke with Lindsey Counsell about the redesign of the dam and that the cost for the share is not defined as of yet. Phyllis clarifies with Tom Lee that this project must be done by this fall. Kris Clark indicates that the DPW-Director, Catherine Laurent from Mashpee was the point person on this and believes that a couple of things have changed as to the scope of the project. She believes first that the repair of the dam was a high priority and has since been downgraded. Also, they have found some ways to lessen the expense and need to assess an access road and staging area which are factors that will affect the price.

Ann Canedy asks who has paid for and directed the engineering firm. Kris Clark believes that Donald Liptack from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is taking the lead on it. Kris believes that the construction is targeted to be July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ann Canedy indicates that if the engineering plan is not finalized, they do not know the cost and have not asked for funding as of yet which the members indicate is their concern also. Ann asks if Lindsey Counsell is the person who understands the scope of the project and who is shepherding this through in the Town of Barnstable. Kris Clark believes it is Mr. Counsell and thinks that it would be beneficial if one of the town engineers were there also or someone who has training and can be a technical contributor to the discussions. Kris wonders if it would be a good idea to contact the Town Manager as to what the Town of Barnstable is doing as some issues are being done by different departments. Ann Canedy asks if LAPC would like her to set up a meeting with the Town Manager and people from the different departments. Phyllis thinks it needs to be done quickly as there is a deadline. They discuss monies set aside and the split with the towns and the state. Ann Canedy to research the appropriation of funds for this project. Tom Lee will contact Catherine Laurent from Mashpee about the status on this. Ann asks if people would want to meet in a smaller group with information that people gather regarding the engineering status and information from talking to Mashpee DPW in order to get all the facts together before meeting with the Town Manager. The members agree that it would be a good idea.

### **Response from Michael Sawyers – Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife**

Kris indicates that earlier this year she had contacted Mr. Sawyer in order for him to come and explain the Land Owners Incentive Program (LIP) but because the application period was open, he was uncomfortable appearing before this committee. However, she has heard from him and he is willing to come and speak to them at LAPC's regularly scheduled meeting of June 11<sup>th</sup> and will discuss, from the state's point of view, the habitat management opportunities in the Barnstable area and the LIP as well as technical assistance visits for the municipality or private lands.

Kris then indicates that brought to her attention was an article in the Barnstable Patriot. Ann Canedy indicates that the article includes LAPC taking the lead in reference to land acquisition opportunities and water quality as part of their charge.



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### **March 26th: Laura Cronin**

Kris reminds everyone that Laura Cronin will be attending CPC's meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Announcements - None**

### **Correspondence – None**

### **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

Laura Cronin talks about the article in the Barnstable Enterprise regarding the athletic facility on Route 132 being back on the table. She remembers it being part of a survey taken from the villages and how, as a ranked priority, that taking care of local fields was ranked higher than having a large scale facility. She indicates that looking at the 23 million dollar price tag and trying to figure out if this is a good use for recreational CPC funds, she believes that smaller amounts could be used and benefit a lot more local people. In 2008, she indicates that Town Council did vote to spend \$60000 to create a master facilities plan for use by the CPC. It did come out of some kind of assessment and isn't sure if it came out of the recent survey they recently did in 2010. Ann Canedy clarifies that it is the McManus property. Ann thinks that it would be good to upgrade the fields which would help Hyannis and accommodate the youth and community in this village. She has issues with the 132 (McManus) project. Laura Cronin thinks it needs to be brought to the public's attention about the expense and maintenance problems and wants to know how LAPC would weight in on it.

Ann Canedy indicates that they can't use CPC funds to go back and upgrade a field that was not purchased by CPC funds and indicates that there is a pending bill to amend CPA to allow for uses of CPC funds to upgrade such fields.

Laura Cronin suggests that they could go before CPC to voice their concerns regarding this. LAPC members agree.

### **Public Comment – None**

### **Other - None**

A motion is made by Steve O'Neil and seconded by Phyllis Miller to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor.