



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kristine Clark, Chair
Phyllis Miller, Vice Chair
Laura Cronin
Duncan Gibson
James Hinkle
Tom Lee
Thomas Mullen
Stephen O'Neil
VACANT

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON:

June Daley

STAFF SUPPORT:

Carol Puckett

Minutes December 10, 2012 5:30 PM

Selectmen's Conference Room; Barnstable Town Hall

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller - Vice Chair	Present
Laura Cronin	Present
Duncan Gibson	Present
James Hinkle	Present
Thomas Mullen	Absent
Stephen O'Neil	Present
Tom Lee	Present

Also present were Hans Keijser, June Daley, Drew McManus, Ann Canedy, Ryan Mann and Carol Puckett - Administrative Assistant.

As a quorum has been met, the chair, Kris Clark, opens the meeting at 5:32 PM.

Guests:

- Guest Speaker: Drew McManus, Mashpee Conservation Officer; RE: Santuit Preserve

Kris Clark introduces Drew McManus. Mr. McManus would like everyone to know what the status of the parcel is currently and to ask what they can do to assist in getting a management plan in place. He indicates that currently there is a lot of activity on the parcel which includes prep work in order to repair the dam. He indicates that the Town of Mashpee has put a bid out for that work and is hopeful that this is settled by the end of the month as it is coming close to the herring run time period. Mr. McManus then talks about the Mashpee Land Stewart program which is made up of local residents who choose an area within this parcel and to patrol and report back their observations or any abuse of that area to the town. Currently, there is a sizable group of approximately 6 or 7 people who monitor the area by doing monthly walks. He also has the help of an AmeriCorps assistant who comes in one day a week and who is in the process of compiling a trail map using a GPS device. He would also like to use this assistant to help in the compilation of the management plan. As for this parcel, he indicates that access overall is difficult and that the main entrance in Mashpee is between two houses in a residential district and lacks signage or indication that the entrance here exists. As for the second entrance, he indicates that it is more secluded from the neighborhood and that they are working on as to where would be the best place to have direct traffic flow for those who would like to visit the parcel. Currently on this parcel are abandoned structures of which one is a pump house which houses a pump and a propane tank. As of yet, they haven't decided what to do about these structures. As for a more formal management plan, he indicates that they do have resources that they can tap into to assist with this.

Kris Clark clarifies that the land stewards are volunteers and that the land stewardship has its own webpage through the Town of Mashpee. Mr. McManus indicates that on this page there is an on-line sign-up form, an observation form, a PowerPoint display and a welcome packet which they can download in addition to other links. He indicates that they previously also had volunteers doing herring counts which he would also like to do this year.

Laura Cronin arrives.

James Hinkle asks how many acres are involved in this parcel. Mr. McManus estimates that there are 327 acres of which approximately 200 acres are located on the Mashpee side and contains the dam.

Kris Clark indicates that Drew had reached out to this board knowing that the members had organized a walk of the property. She indicates that Phyllis Miller met with him to discuss some of the concerns about the parcel and what/how they could work together through the towns to resolve them. Phyllis indicates that Kris Clark and she had met last week with Barnstable's Town Manager, Tom Lynch and Assistant Town Manager and former DPW Department Head, Mark Ells. She indicates that Tom Lynch was enthusiastic about this project and that Mark Ells will assign Roger Parsons, engineer, to the dam project in order to provide expertise and feedback on monies expended for the project. She indicates that they will wait to hear back from Tom Lynch and will get back to Drew with the next step. Phyllis asks Drew if Mashpee uses herbicides. Mr. McManus indicates no.

Tom Lee suggests utilizing Darcy Karle – Barnstable Conservation Agent, when compiling the management plan as she would be a good source of information and knowledge.

Drew would also like to reach out to Barnstable's Herring Warden regarding the ATV usage and monitoring of the area.

They discuss the herring run. Tom Lee asks when the herring time period is in regards to construction. Mr. McManus indicates that they start to see the scouts in mid-March and typically the herring run is in full activity from the beginning of April to mid-April and runs to approximately the end of June. They then start their exit from June until the end of October.

Ann Canedy arrives.

Drew indicates that in terms of the management plan, another resource is Steve Hurley and that they can also have the AmeriCorp volunteer do grant research when the time comes regarding wetland restoration.

Kris Clark reminds everyone who is on the Santuit Preserve Committee. Drew would like to get volunteers together to do clean-up of the site, maybe a one day clean-up which is something they can organize at any time. Kris suggests a date to be announced at the January meeting. Drew can also announce the date at the Town of Mashpee's Conservation meeting.

Approval of Minutes

– Minutes from LAP meeting of November 5, 2012

Motion is made by James Hinkle and seconded by Phyllis Miller to approve the minutes as submitted. Duncan Gibson indicates that he is abstained from the October meeting as he was not present.

Vote:

AYE: Kris Clark, Phyllis Miller, James Hinkle, Laura Cronin, Steve O'Neil

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Tom Lee as he was not present at that meeting.

Updates

– Santuit Preserve Update: Phyllis Miller – see above

– Pathways: Farley Lewis & Tom Mullen

Farley Lewis nor Tom Mullen are here. Kris Clark received a message from Farley indicating that volunteers have walked the pathways and made notes of illegal dumping in the conservation areas and forwarded it to Kris who forwarded it to Rob Gatewood. They are scouting out the pathways and documenting where the problem areas are and shared it with the town manager at their meeting with him last week. They will be working on a plan and date for the spring walks.

▪ Looking for Volunteers

Kris asks people to contact her who in turn will contact Farley Lewis.

- **Community Preservation Committee update**

- **November 26th: Kris Clark**

Kris Clark was at the last meeting and indicates that Leisure Services Director, Patti Machado, was there making a strong presentation on the poor conditions of the recreational/ball fields behind the Osterville Bay School and was petitioning CPC to consider their proposal to rehab those ball fields with CPC funding. Tom Lee indicates that Ms. Machado made a plea for a study on the ball field but one of the conditions was in regards to what to do with the building. Kris Clark indicates that also at this CPC meeting was an executive session regarding Zone 1 properties around the Hyannis Water Division wells.

Hans Keijser, DPW Water Supply Division Supervisor who manages the Hyannis water system, speaks and indicates that over the spring and summer, the Hyannis Water Board met in executive session regarding Zone 1 issues. He explains that there are twelve wells in Hyannis and that Zone 1 is a circular area of 400 feet around a well that is used only for drinking water supply purposes and nothing else. Regarding the Hyannis water system of which there are twelve wells, they currently only control the Zone 1 of one well and that all other wells have issues that need to be addressed. These issues were discussed in executive session with a prioritized list of properties and the ways in which to acquire those properties. He indicates that the list was given to the Town Manager who is working on it right now. Ann Canedy asks if this committee will go onto the next village in their series of villages to visit or will Hyannis be ready to speak to this committee about properties that may need protection. Kris indicates that it would be the will of that committee but that they will help if needed.

Ryan Mann arrives.

Ann Canedy indicates that with the new changes to the CPC law which she would need to verify, that any parcel purchased with land bank money or CPC funds needs to be placed under a conservation restriction in order for the municipal entity to continue to be eligible for certain grants. She needs to clarify and would be curious as to whether properties purchased before the institution of land bank and CPC, i.e., with special warrants at town meetings which for water protection and open space without conservation restrictions at the time, would be eligible. She asks if this committee could research this issue. Steve O'Neil thinks that it might be a legal opinion and that the town attorneys are in place to ask the state. He indicates that parcels were purchased for the protection of drinking water but doesn't think anything was done after that. Kris Clark indicates that she will leave it up to Steve O'Neil to convey this to the Water Board.

- **December 17th: Duncan Gibson**

Duncan confirms that he will attend

- **New sign up sheet for 2013**

Sheet is circulated for sign-up.

Old Business

- **Chair's report: Kris Clark**

- **Open Space and Recreation Plan's implementation strategy**

Kris indicates that the motivation is to visit the villages which they discuss doing after the first of the year. They decide that Centerville will be the next village to visit.

- **Update from the Barnstable Fire/ Water District**

Duncan Gibson indicates that David Jones doesn't have an update as of yet. Ann Canedy asks if Mr. Jones had sent a letter to Mark Boudreau for reconsideration. Duncan is not sure.

- **Update from the Hyannis Water Board, Hyannis Fire District**

- **Update regarding vacancy: next Appointments Committee meeting is on December 11 at 5pm, according to the Barnstable Patriot (Nov.16, 2012 edition)**

Kris reads the article from the Patriot regarding vacancies.

Kris indicates that Councilor June Daley had asked about the status of the May 2, 2012 Executive Session minutes held at the Unitarian Church in Barnstable. Kris indicates that minutes were taken, logged with the Town Clerk in a sealed envelope and are not to be released as of yet since the topic discussed is still unresolved.

New Business

Announcements

– Next Meeting: January 14, 2013 at 5:30pm

Correspondence

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Public Comment

Other

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

Vote:

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM