



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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MINUTES

October 7, 2013; 5:30 PM

Selectmen's Conference Room; Barnstable Town Hall

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Present
Duncan Gibson	Present
James Hinkle	Present
Thomas Mullen	Present
Stephen O'Neil	Present
Tom Lee	Arrives at 6:10
Steve Gould	Present
Vacant	

Also present were

Deb Krau - Chair

from Hyannis Water Board, Farley Lewis, Ann Canedy, Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant

As a quorum has been met, Kris Clark opens the meeting at 5:31 PM. She introduces Heather McElroy

Guest:

Heather McElroy, Cape Cod Commission, Natural Resources Specialist on the Commission's Cape Cod Pathways program

Heather gives a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Cape Cod Pathways – Presentation to Barnstable LAPC" (**Exhibit A**). She states that most communities have pathway plans within their town identifying loops through their community that connect them to other communities. Lots of partners have made this possible, most importantly are the towns in part: The partners are Towns, Barnstable County Human Services, AmeriCorps Cape Cod, Land Trusts, and Volunteers. AmeriCorp is a great resource on the Cape. Land Trusts are working on conserving land and through their own walking program with volunteers are making people aware of trails, conserving land, etc. Very important are the walkway volunteers and their commitment which makes these walks a success. Tom Mullen asks if the pathways are walkable by utilizing GPS on their phones. Heather thinks it could be accommodated but isn't sure. Heather states that Pathways, in the past, attracted people who liked to be outdoors and who had free time. They would like to get more people involved in walking and their specific goal is to make it appealing to a different demographic. There have been some core events and elements of the program that they don't want to lose by attracting more people. As for the website, she hopes to make it live within the next couple of months. Friends of Pathways consist of volunteers and people who would like to see the initiative. Next slide is "Areas of Need:". She states that they need more groups across the cape that are committed and focused on taking care of the trails as far as trail clearing, particularly after storms, blazing

Please note that the committee may act on items in a different order than they appear on this agenda.

Also, if it so votes, the committee may go into Executive Session

and mapping. She thinks there should be a more coordinated approach to marking trails across the Cape.

Last slide is about some of the key events associated with the Pathways starting with fall walking weekend on Columbus Day weekend: October 11, 2013 to October 14, 2013 which will consist of 20 walks over the four day weekend. They are trying to expand participation and get a wider variety of people. This year there will be a story walk proposed in Orleans. Also, they are trying to promote the health benefits and core elements of the Pathways Program which is ultimately about open space preservation.

Ann Canedy asks about the Bridge Creek area which has suffered storm damage and wondered if there is a plan to enlist AmeriCorp in the spring to devote some time to that area or whether there should be an initiative from this town or committee in a formal request. Heather states that AmeriCorp, as part of their grant, is all about getting out and clearing trails. She is also happy to submit that proposal to AmeriCorp or suggests that a request could come from this committee directly by going to AmeriCorps' website and filling out the group project proposal form on-line. Ann Canedy asks if the request could be made through ConComm to AmeriCorps. Heather answers yes and that the request should come from the responsible party. Ann Canedy asks what is the Cape Cod Commission's approach to volunteers as the town is hesitant to enlist volunteers for liability reasons and how, at the commission, do they get around that. Heather states that basically it is not a responsibility of the Commission as they do not maintain or own any land. However, as Pathways Coordinator she likes to facilitate the trail maintenance on designated pathways. Also, given her role with AmeriCorps, she has taken the job of preparing these requests as a group project to do maintenance. In the end, it ends up with AmeriCorps of Cape Cod who in turn may enlist volunteers and knows that they have waivers. There is a discussion about damage at Bridge Creek and the amount of trails. Ann Canedy asks if reconfiguration of a trail is something AmeriCorp does. Heather would say probably not but that from the collection of comments made here, she knows that for some people that a through trail is an important concept. It sounds like what needs to be done in Barnstable is to get the right people together to discuss and identify the key trails that need to be maintained to address a variety of needs. Steve Gould recommends putting dead end signs at the point of some of these trails. Farley Lewis suggests a unified responsibility flow chart with telephone numbers for when there is a problem.

Kris Clark gives details of the upcoming walking weekend which is to take place on October 12th. Steve Gould is the contact for that walk.

Update from the Hyannis Water Board/ Greater Hyannis Civic Association Board of Directors

Kris Clark leaves and hands the chair over to Phyllis Miller. Phyllis introduces Deb Krau – Chair of the Hyannis Water Board:

Deb Krau – Chair of the Hyannis Water Board states that the Hyannis Water District is unique and is 107 years old. It is also unique as the city has been built around the water district. Hyannis' Zone 1's have been owned by other people before they were Zone 1's.

Tom Lee arrives

Deb Krau states that there are approximately 24 parcels within the wells, 12 of which are privately owned residential parcels. They would like to put a right of first refusal on those 12 residential properties. She believes that the water departments have to have control of their Zone 1's. First priority is 0 South Flint Rock Road for which about 64,000 square feet are in Zone 1 although the property itself is approximately 29 acres. Second priority is 629 Mary Dunn Road which is owned in part by Commonwealth Electric and the Town of Barnstable. They are hoping, through some negotiations with Commonwealth Electric, to acquire that parcel. They also have some parcels in Zone 1 that are owned by the Town of Yarmouth and would be looking for help to negotiate with that town about acquiring these parcels. They are interested in parcels located near the wells whose frontage is on Route 28 with the rear portion located in the well area. They would like to see if these parcels could be divided in order to utilize the back portions for Zone 1. They would be hoping to get support from LAPC to advocate for this. Ann Canedy asks if the Water Board has conferred with the superintendent of the Hyannis Water District as to some common strategies for the South Flint Rock property. Deb would like to drill two new wells based on their water quality study which will take 5 years and 5 million dollars and that land could be very important for a well site. They discuss the deeds and easements on the deeds. Deb Krau states that there are approximately 24 parcels in Zone 1, about half of which are privately owned residential and with LAPC, CPC, and Town Council's support, they will be looking to put rights of first refusal on these parcels.

Another important parcel that Deb thinks is crucial, is the property where the Barnstable County Fire Training Center is located. She states that it is too close to wells. She wrote to the commissioner to suggest that they move the facility more towards the base. She received a reply stating that the center was more ergonomically located and nature friendly than they might think. However, about 3 years ago, Deb states that the fire districts collected all the used boat flairs and brought them to the Fire Training Center for storage. However, the flairs were leaching out a chemical which is dangerous to drinking water. The County stepped up, and had to spend approximately \$500,000 to clean it up. The Water Board thinks it would be best if that facility was moved.

Tom Lee has a background with drinking water and states that it is important that the town owns the Zone 1 parcels and would like to know what LAPC can do to help. James Hinkle and Tom Mullen would support Deb Krau's board in acquiring Zone 1 properties. Ann Canedy suggests that Deb Krau talk to Jaci Barton about writing grants for this project.

Deb Krau states that Hyannis rate payers are funding a study this fiscal year to determine where the best quality and quantity places are. Ann Canedy is going to a meeting tomorrow and asks permission from Deb Krau to relate this information. Deb is thankful for the mention and states that through Kris Clark, will let LAPC members know when they can write a letter of support.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from LAPC's meeting of August 12, 2013

Motion is made by James Hinkle and seconded by Steve O'Neil to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote:
All in favor

Minutes from LAPC's meeting of September 9, 2013

Steve O'Neil clarifies that LAPC doesn't approve conservation restrictions, only writes in favor of. .
Duncan also notes that exhibit is misspelled.

Motion is made by James Hinkle and seconded by Steve O'Neil to approve the minutes as amended

Vote:
All in favor

Town Council Liaison: Councilor Ann Canedy

Ann Canedy will attend the Water District's monthly meeting tomorrow and will mention tonight's presentation by Deb Krau. Also, she believes that the Water District is waiting to hear from the Town Manager regarding a meeting on the property affected by the solar array issue and that they are also negotiating for rights to go across the Bush Brown property in order to access their tower.

Phyllis reminds the members that there is a workshop on November 16th on land conservation options which will take place at the Cape Wildlife Center located on Route 6A between 10:00 and 11:30 AM. She also notes that invitations and notices have been sent out to a list of property owners who own land over a certain amount.

Phyllis reports that there is no update on the Santuit Dam project.

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

Vote:
All in favor.