



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 Anne Rowland
Jessica Rapp Grasseti – Town Council Liaison

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Minutes

April 13, 2015

5:30 PM

Hearing Room – 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA

Table with 2 columns: Name and Status. Rows include Kris Clark - Chair (Present), Phyllis Miller - Vice Chair (Present), Elissa Crowley (Present), Duncan Gibson (Absent), Steve Gould (Present), Thomas Mullen (Absent), Tom Lee (Present), Farley Lewis (Present), Anne Rowland (Present).

Also present were Jessica Rapp-Grasseti and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant

As Town Council was in need of the Selectman’s Conference Room for a Road Committee meeting, LLAPC was moved to the hearing room with the appropriate postings on the doors to the Selectman’s Conference Room and Hearing Room.

Call to Order

As a quorum has been met, Kris Clark opens the meeting at 5:35 PM

Kris Clark reads the following:

Notice of Recording

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

Guest:

Drew McManus – Conservation Agent, Town of Mashpee. Update on the herring run through the Santuit Preserve.

Mr. Manus gives an update and states that approximately 12 or 13 AmeriCorp volunteers came in on April 7th to check the upper reach of Santuit River from the culvert on Route 28 to the pond. They noted that there wasn’t much storm damage during the winter and therefore, did not need to do a lot of vegetation clearance. They did work on the fish ladder. He hands in pictures to the board members (EXHIBIT A). He states that last year there were issues about fish traveling up the ladder to the pond and the frequency at which they did. Observations were made and it was realized that the fish were making it to a certain point but that turbulence was making it more difficult. However, they were getting up the ladder but not at the same frequency as the old ladder. Mr. McManus states that Dick Quinn from Marine Fisheries, who engineered the new ladder design, did a full assessment and produced a full report on recommendations of what to do about the turbulence. They then had DPW cut concrete bricks to size to increase the depth in each pool along with Marine Fisheries who constructed a wooden weir at the top of the ladder. Unfortunately, it was late in the season to fully test its effectiveness and currently is too early in the season to do the same. He thinks the herring will have an easier time this year than last year and if need be; they will monitor to help with the depth and flow. Kris Clark notes that they have discussed the area of the Santuit Preserve owned by the Town of Barnstable with Lindsey Counsell – Chair of the Community Preservation

Committee in hopes of funding. Mr. McManus states that he recently talked with Mr. Counsell regarding the development of a land management plan for this parcel and then bringing that plan to a LAPC meeting.

#### Guest:

Martin Wunderly – Natural Resource Officer, Town of Barnstable. Update on the herring run through the Santuit Preserve and throughout Barnstable.

Martin gives a PowerPoint presentation entitled: “Barnstable Update to LAPC” (EXHIBIT B). He states that there was a cleaning effort underway to clear out the upper third of the area before the bad winter storms arrived and that it was attempted again in mid-March. He noted that there was not a lot of damage, rechecked everything and preliminary hedge trimming was done. When showing the average water temperature slide and weather data, he notes that despite the colder temperatures, river herring are currently in the Mills River. In reference to the discoloration slide dated September 16, 2014, he states that it was from a blue-green algae bloom, naturally occurring but that it can be dangerous to humans and animals. Drew McManus says that six circulators are in place in the pond which have reduced this type of occurrence and that they post caution advisory signs when algae is present. Martin continues and states that another interesting fact was, that, about this time last year, the river herring were running along with eels. He shows a slide of a poacher’s elver trap and what they are doing to prevent it. He shows another slide of the herring runs in the Town of Barnstable and states that Amy Croteau has started a herring counting program and is looking for volunteers. If interested they can call the Marine and Environmental Affairs (MEA) office at 508-790-6272, leave message for Amy or send email to her at [amy.croteau@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:amy.croteau@town.barnstable.ma.us) or contact email Martin at: [martin.wunderly@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:martin.wunderly@town.barnstable.ma.us) for more information. He shows slides of the Mill Pond herring run in West Barnstable and notes that there hasn’t been any herring here for 15 years and is on list for habitat assessment to add a small population to this pond. If they want it re-establish this area, they would have to initiate the effort. He thanks Drew McManus and the town of Mashpee for their personnel and efforts.

#### Approval of Minutes

##### Minutes from LAP meeting of March 9, 2015

Kris Clark notes that Anne Rowland is not listed on the minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup> and would like to add her as present.

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Tom Lee to accept as amended.

Vote: All in favor

#### Updates

##### ▪ Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller

Phyllis refers to Drew McManus and Martin Wunderly’s presentation tonight.

##### ▪ Pathways – Farley Lewis, Elissa Crowley, Tom Mullen, Steve Gould

Farley Lewis speaks about the three spring walks coming up Patriot’s Day weekend. She notes that they are advertised on LAPC’s website, Ann Canedy will update her notice that she put out, and that she put it on the AMC events calendar. She notes the time, date and places where the walks are to take place:

- \* Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Barnstable Village (meet at Barnstable Fire Station)
- \* Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Eagle Pond and Cordwood Road (meet at turnout at around 821 Putnam Avenue)
- \* Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Sandy Neck (meet at Ranger Station)

##### ○ Update on mini-grant proposal for signage to support our Walks Program

Kris reports that the grant for the signs was not awarded. However, Steve Gould has volunteered sign holders if needed.

Farley Lewis reports that in reference to trail status, they are looking to do a trail clean-up tentatively set for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> but need to do more monitoring of the trails before they have a definitive agenda. She also has been working on the walking library through GIS consisting of length of the walk, description and map of the trail.

##### ▪ Community Preservation Committee: Tom Lee

Tom Lee reports that a meeting took place on March 23<sup>rd</sup> consisting of five letters of intent which were all approved in order to go to the application phase. Two were for historic, two for open space and one for housing. They also approved an application for the Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension for \$215,515 and for a recommendation for approval by Town Council.

##### ▪ Town Council Liaison: Councilor Jessica Rapp Grasseti

Jessica reports that the Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension will be acted upon by Town Council at the April 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing for \$215,515. Also, under New Business at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting will be looking at the appropriation of \$300000 from Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for open space located on Prince Avenue, which involves approximately 2.5 acres adjacent to the marina to provide for additional parking. In response to the letter she received from Chair Clark it was her suggestion that they prioritize those areas in concert with the districts and will help to see it to fruition in order to seek water quality.

##### ▪ Presentation before Town Council on April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kris Clark

Kris notes that she did speak before Town Council and gave an overview of f LAPC’s work.

## Old Business

### Chair's update

- **Welcome new LAPC member Anne Rowland**

Kris Clark welcomes newest member Anne Rowland and thanks the Appointments Committee.

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

Kris explains LAPC's charge in reference to the plan.

- **2010 Open Space & Recreation Plan review**

Kris notes that this has been suspended for the time being as the plan only needs to be updated every seven years and not every five.

- **Preservation of Breed's Hill property update**

Jessica Rapp Grasseti reports that this item is up for continuation on the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Town Council.

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Elissa Crowely to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor

Approved