

Town of Barnstable
Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee

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Committee Members

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

Staff Support

Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant – carol.puckett@town.barnstable.ma.us

Minutes

Monday

January 11, 2016

5:30 PM

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

Also present were Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant, Casey Danhauser – Conservation Coordinator from Barnstable Land Trust and Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

Kris Clark - Chair	Absent
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller	Present
Steve Gould	Present
Thomas Mullen	Absent
Tom Lee	Present
Elissa Crowley	Present
Anne Rowland	Present

Call to Order

As a quorum has been met, Farley Lewis, Vice Chair, calls the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Farley 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 to please make their presence known.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from LAP meeting of December 14, 2015

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Tom Lee to accept the minutes as presented.

Vote:

All in favor

Updates

▪ Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller

Phyllis states that she had heard from Drew McManus – Conservation Agent from Mashpee who reported that two boards at the fish ladder have been replaced.

▪ **Pathways: Farley Lewis**

Farley states that the tentative date for the walking weekend in April will be on Patriot’s Day weekend, April 18th and asks the members to consider what walks they would like to lead. She also reports that the Cape Cod Commission will be having a meeting on pathways on January 22, 2016 at 1:00 am at their building on 6A in the Barnstable Village. Elissa Crowley volunteers to lead one of the walks if her schedule allows and Steve Gould volunteers to assist a leader. Steve Gould also has the frames for the directional signage for the beginning point of the walking trails.

▪ **Community Preservation Committee (CPC): Tom Lee**

Tom Lee reports that CPC met on December 21, 2015. They had two letters of intent: one for Tales of Cape Cod for the Olde Colonial Courthouse for which they had requested a study be done by an historic consultant. He reports that the study was completed and that they are requesting approximately \$85,000 for historic preservation for the building which CPC approved. The second request was from the Centerville, Osterville, Marstons Mills fire district for the acquisition of open space for the benefit and protection of public water supply and passive recreation. This is the first actual parcel going in under the Zone 1 drinking water supply application which they approved. He also reports that Ann Quirk - Town Clerk gave a presentation about the preservation of historical documents for which she would be requesting approximately \$35,000.

▪ **Town Council Liaison: Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetti**

Jessica reports that the Old Colony Road conservation restriction (CR) was approved by Town Council and is a small parcel for open space. She also reports that the Lowell Park parcel has been purchased and has asked that along with existing Lowell Park acquisition of parcel 1 from the Barnstable Land Trust that the agreement between the town and the Cotuit Athletic Association be clarified and that parcel 1 be excluded from that agreement.

As for committee appointments, she believes the Appointments Committee will meet on January 19th and clarifies that this committee has one vacancy.

In regards to the Breeds Hill property, Jessica states that it will be before Town Council on January 21st but that she will be asking for it to be continued. The reasoning behind the continuance is because instead of swapping 16+ acres, they might have to include 10 more acres in that swap and whether it needs to be one parcel is questionable. It will also need to go through the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review in order to satisfy the state as to whether it will be a like-for-like swap.

Old Business

▪ **Open Space and Recreation Plan (effective until June, 2017)**

Farley reports that she doesn’t believe there is anything to add currently to the OSRP review.

New Business

None

Announcements

None

Correspondence

None

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

None

Public Comment

Mark Buckley from School Street in Cotuit is here to follow up on his request to have LAPC write a letter to Town Council regarding the preservation of trees on a parcel which is part of the land purchase at Lowell Park. He states that Jessica Rapp Grassetti did cover most of the concerns. However, he states that after he appeared before this committee last month, he received an email from the treasurer of the Cotuit Athletic Association indicating that a contract to cut down the trees had been awarded. He is hoping that this committee will recommend to the Town Manager the preservation in perpetuity of the trees

of concern. He states that he had a petition against the development surrounding the first base signed by approximately 24 people in Cotuit as well as at least 50 people at the Senior Center and will continue to collect signatures in favor of preservation of the trees. He states that the most important parcel is parcel #1 and talks about preserving the area for walking and hiking and that there is no need for more infrastructure or to cut down the trees at all. He is hoping that this committee will send a letter to the Town Manager asking to preserve the trees. Farley states that they didn't vote to send a letter but states that they wanted to move his request along. Jessica Grasseti recommends that any management plan for Lowell Park and Cotuit Athletic Association encompass only the existing ball field and parking lot and not the new acquisition. She states that there will need further discussion about off road parking to encourage walkers to use that parking lot to access the path and that the town will have to create a management plan. She will be recommending that there be no more expansion by the athletic association on that newly purchased property.

Adjournment

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Tom Lee to adjourn

Vote:

All in favor

Approved