



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee



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Committee Members

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

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Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2018

5:30 PM

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

Ann Canedy - Chair	Present
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	Absent
Phyllis Miller	Present
Kris Clark	Present
Steve Gould	Present
Tom Lee	Present
Elissa Crowley	Present
Anne Rowland	Present
Janet Crystal	Present

Also present were, Elizabeth Jenkins – Director of Planning & Development, Anna Brigham – Principal Planner, Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant, Dylan Davids and Emily Baker from AmeriCorp, Wil Holden from BLT, Chris Gonnella from DPW, and Jessica Rapp Grassetti – LAPC Liaison

Call to Order/Introduction of Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee Members

As a quorum has been met, Ann Canedy opens the meeting. All members present introduce themselves

Ann reads the following without 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 if so, to please make their presence known.

Announcements

Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, formerly Three Bays, is looking for volunteers for counting fish. Informational meeting will take place on Saturday, March 3 2018, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Liberty Hall in Marstons Mills. Contact the Barnstable Clean Water Coalition or Town of Barnstable Natural Resources for more information.

On Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, there is a Massachusetts Land Conference at Worcester Technical High School in Worcester. Cost is \$60. There will be workshops on conservation restrictions and open space plans.

The Asset Management Committee has put a number of parcels out for Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Town of Barnstable's website which Jessica Rapp Grassetto will speak about later in this meeting. Ann also notes another land opportunity provided by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Fall River for property located at 97 Hayes Road in Centerville which might be of interest to the Town because of its proximity to Lake Wequaquet.

Old Business:

- **Presentation of draft Open Space and Recreation Plan- Elizabeth Jenkins and Anna Brigham.**

Elizabeth Jenkins gives a PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit A). She feels that they have a very good technical plan going forward and is looking forward to the public comments that will be coming in over the next month. She explains that the Plan is prescribed by the State and that keeping an updated plan gives them access to state funding. They went through a major process in 2010 developing the plan and that the current Plan has just followed an update process. She reads from the slide: 2018 OSRP features. She has worked with Carole Ridley on the 2010 and 2018 Plan and also thanks Darcy Karle for input as well. They will do their review with LAPC tonight and put the Plan out for a public comment period starting this Friday. They will hold a public hearing on March 8th. She goes over the slide: Vision – Guiding Principles.

Ann Brigham goes over the slide: Inventory of Open Space & Conservation Land noting that 29% of the parcels are protected.

Tom Lee asks what the change of -120 acres of municipal use entails:

Municipal use	934.46	814.17	-120.29
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Ms. Jenkins believes that it is a reclassification of properties for municipal use to other protected uses or land that was under municipal use that was protected. Ms. Brigham states that in the 2010 Plan some parcels were not classified correctly. Mr. Lee suggests detailing those changes. Ann Canedy suggests putting notations and explanations on that page or elsewhere in the Plan.

Ann Canedy asks about the shooting range. Ms. Jenkins doesn't believe it has been finally reflected here but will make an update and append the Plan.

Ms. Brigham goes over slide: Needs – Survey Key Findings. Ms. Jenkins expounds on the slide: Needs – Resource Protection. Ann Canedy thinks that increasing maintenance of existing resources is important in all areas such as fields, pathways, recreational buildings, etc., and asks Ms. Jenkins if property management could be a priority followed up with maintenance of those properties.

Ms. Jenkins states that one of the major focuses, at least in terms of interdepartmental coordination, has been looking at this asset management and taking care of the resources that the town owns and being able to dedicate internal resources to maintaining those in a way that they remain first class and in a way they should be maintained.

Tom Lee has concerns about coordination in the maintenance of the trails and pathways. Ann thinks that they need to look at their ability to coordinate volunteers and whether there is a liability issue.

Chris Gonnella comments that discerning conservation, land bank and land acquisition parcels has been a challenge but they are doing it for the residents that live here and are working in the right direction from what he has seen.

Ms. Jenkins then refers to OSRP Goals and Objectives. Ms. Brigham reads from Page 13 and states that one action that she picked out was to identify and inventory the status of all fire and water district land and prioritize through CR's. Ann Canedy states that as a committee, LAPC started that process a couple of years ago and that a list was submitted to Lindsey Counsell and recently to Town Manager – Mark Ells and David Anthony

Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Brigham go over Page 14 and 15, continuation of Goals and Objectives with adding action items submitted from a list: an action to take the opportunity to protect open space next to coastal resource areas for public access and identify resources and responsibilities maintaining Ways to Water.

Ms. Jenkins refers to the 2018 objectives and having the metrics and coordination in place for the next review whose process will begin in 2023 for approval in 2025. Ms. Jenkins states that the current draft OSRP is here tonight and has also been given to the Town Manager. They will put the draft on the website on Friday.

Ms. Brigham reminds everyone from the PowerPoint that the public hearing will be on March 8, 2018 AT 6:00 pm, public comments through March 12th, links to the Plan will be on Planning & Development's webpage. Ms. Jenkins states that there will be direct mailings, a press release and it has been posted in the Town Manager's newsletter. Direct mailings to stakeholders will include but not limited to the Conservation Commission, Recreation Committee, civic associations, water districts, private land protection groups, Barnstable Land Trust, Cape Cod Commission, etc.

Jessica asks if they can link to the comment. Jessica suggests letting people submit through email or a comment box to make it easy. Ms. Jenkins confirms that they can send comments to anna.brigham@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Kris Clark suggests posting the PowerPoint online so that people can flip through it. Tom Lee states that in 5.2, in Section 9 it refers to annual meetings and suggests taking that out so it doesn't limit it to do it annually. Ann Canedy talks about the Open Meeting Law and executive sessions regarding land purchases. Jessica Rapp Grassetti asks Ms. Jenkins to apprise Town Council of the process and asks about timeline. They discuss what groups/committees to inform and suggest the Shellfish Committee. Ann needs someone to attend the Disability Commission meeting from this committee and to forward comments from that meeting to her to submit to Ms. Jenkins. It is confirmed that staff will come back before LAPC on March 12th.

In the OSRP, Section 4 "Environmental Inventory & Analysis" slide, Ann Canedy would like a picture of the pathways in place of the picture of the plastic chairs. Members would also like to see an identification of the area(s) on the slides identified.

Tom Lee suggests checking that table references.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from LAPC meeting of December 11, 2017.

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Elissa Crowley to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote:

All in favor

Introduction of AmeriCorps volunteers Emily Baker and Dylan Davids; Discussion of Pathways program

Dylan Davids gives a PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit B). He notes that both he and Emily work part-time with the Department of Public Works and with Barnstable Land Trust. Dylan explains that they are trying to pick up the pathways as a model and have blazed a majority of the Red trail, have gone through and inventoried the kiosks. In doing so, they would like to replace the ones on the trees and replace the maps in the kiosks mounted in-ground. Also on the kiosks, they would like to add directions on those maps and notate where the next trails are. Janet Crystal suggests putting a "You are Here" mark at each kiosk. They are also remapping the pathways resulting in possible paths being rerouted. They assembled a small committee consisting of himself, Emily, Farley Lewis, Janet Crystal, and Kris Clark to coordinate efforts to identify parcels and their stakeholders and to identify private properties along the trails which could be problematic

Chris Gonnella states that DPW's goal for this year is to have all the conservation land blazed with the exception of West Barnstable along with the Cape Cod pathways. They have tried to coordinate with conservation, land trust and land bank entities so that all the markings along the pathways make sense. He would also like uniformity in the kiosk design and is planning on installing 5 or 6 catwalks in designated areas. They discuss having volunteers from LAPC to walk and report back to a central committee about maintenance concerns along the paths. Ann also informs Mr. Gonnella of the ongoing library that staff has developed that perhaps would be of help to this project.

- **Report from Liaison Jessica Rapp Grassetti**

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Jessica states that she serves on a committee that was formed to identify and dispose of a lot of tax lien parcels owned by the Town. The Request for Proposal (RFP) went out on January 29th and due date for RFP submission is March 29th of this year. Go to town's website to view the parcels along with map depicting the parcel, its description and instructions for the bidding process. All departments have looked at the parcels to make sure that the town doesn't need them for any purpose. There will be an informational workshop on February 28, 2018 at 2:00 pm at 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA if anyone is interested.

- **Status of Breeds Hill land swap and Asset Management parcels-Jessica Rapp Grasseti**

As for the Breed's Hill conservation restriction, Jessica has nothing new to report.

- **Approved/Pending Community Preservation Committee projects-Tom Lee**

Tom Lee states that there was a meeting on January 29th. They only received one letter of intent from the Housing Assistance Corporation asking for \$200,000 for the Ridgewood Avenue project which was approved thus moving it into the application phase.

- **Status of Santuit Preserve Management Plan-Phyllis Miller/Chris Gonnella**

Phyllis Miller reports that the management plan is currently in the legal department for review. She also reports that Mr. Gonnella has removed one of the abandoned structures that was falling into the bog.

- **Update on pending Conservation Restrictions-Prince Avenue/Harju/Shaw/Amaral**

Ann states that the State has hired a new person that reviews the conservation restrictions (CR'S), Brian Donnelly. They anticipate that the Amaral and Harju CR's will be done soon. The others, Shaw (0 Church Street) and the one in West Barnstable is circulating here for signatures and then will sent to the State and then back here for closing. As for the Prince Avenue CR, it will be presented on March 12th at LAPC.

Jaci Barton from Barnstable Land Trust has drawn up a preliminary plan of the parking lot at the Prince Avenue lot in order to help in moving that CR along.

Announcements

Correspondence

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Kris Clark to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor