



Town of Barnstable Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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Committee Members

Ann Canedy – Chair Farley Lewis – Vice Chair
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 Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

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Minutes

Monday, July 9, 2018

5:30 PM

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

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

Also present were Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison, Amy Croteau from the Town of Barnstable's Marine and Environmental Affairs Department and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant

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

As a quorum has been met, Ann Canedy opens the meeting at 5:33 PM

Ann Canedy reads the following without a 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.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from LAPC meeting of June 11, 2018

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

Vote:

All in favor

New Business:

- **Report from Natural Resources Officer Amy Croteau on Town of Barnstable's herring runs and shellfish acreage.**
 Amy Croteau gives a PowerPoint Presentation on Herring Run Updates:

Hinckley Pond

- They did some investigation into this as a potential herring run. Because of tidal restrictions, fish are getting stuck in Barnstable Harbor and this pond is being looked at as a potential alternative. Unfortunately, there is a lot of work to be done in order to see if they could potentially get there from Barnstable Harbor. Ann Canedy notes that it was a working herring run previously. Ann asks if there are resources for a project such as this. Amy Croteau states that there is money set aside but that money currently is going towards the Marstons Mills River project that was never finished.

Mill Pond

- This pond is technically a passable run. Access is not a problem from train tracks to the river but tidally restricted from the Barnstable Harbor. There is some push from locals to get this restocked with fish probably from Plymouth and restocking would have to happen for about 3 to 5 years continuously. She believes that perhaps in 2020 it would be possible. She explains restocking process.

Little River

- Still ongoing. The habitat assessment is complete and is being analyzed by the Division of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF). The next hurdle would be addressing the first stop at the culvert at Old Post Road. They have walked the rest of the river and observed lots of debris but chose not to remove it as it is in its natural state. If that culvert is addressed then they would need to make that run passable as best they can.

Red Lily Pond

- It is still being utilized by elvers and marine fish but is still impassable for herring. The neighborhood association is looking at addressing this problem. So far, the plans look good for the fish ladder and pond levels. They are replacing a pipe that runs under the road that connects the two ponds.

Marstons Mills River

- Secondary ladder here has worked well and is technically passable. Screening was being pushed by the tremendous amount of water in the flume. This project is not going out to bid until the fall. The earliest construction would be in the latter part of 2019. Between now and next year, they will be building a new screen.

Centerville River/Lake Wequaquet

- This is a run that gives fish access to approximately 800 acres of spawning grounds. The Habitat assessment here is very high. They did a number of flow studies with the Division of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF) and have identified the section of the run that needs the most work in terms of slowing down the flow and creating pools for the fish to rest in while they are making their journey upstream. The run might be slated for restocking if they address the fact that man-made runs eventually fall apart. Perhaps they would utilize Gabion mesh wired cages that would hold rock in order to slow down the flow while making it more passable for the fish.

Santuit River

- They have observed algae bloom and perhaps because of the weather, the run seems to be stunted. Phyllis Miller notes that this area has had problems with All Terrain Vehicle's (ATV's) at the Preserve crossing the river and thus killing fish. Amy states that DWF dislikes the current ladder because it is not working properly. She believes that the Town of Barnstable will be working with the Town of Mashpee to resolve that issue. She believes that Mashpee will be funding the culvert fix at King's Road.

Savory Bog

- There is a steep drop over a section of a short fish ladder which should be longer. They made a pool there for them to rest and slow the water which eventually worked. She notes that this is still the most active run.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti asks if people can take the herring. Amy explains that unless you are an official tribal Native American, there is a moratorium in place. She also explains that volunteers from the Wampanoag Tribe have helped in performing joint maintenance at the Santuit River. Jessica asks if ospreys have been a problem. Ms. Croteau doesn't think that they are a concern as much as other natural predators.

Ann Canedy asks about plans to expand aquaculture acreage. Amy states that there is an Aquaculture Subcommittee who has, in the past, discussed a commercial mooring field on Scudder Lane but that more discussions are needed. They have some non-profits interested in that idea but that DWF is still trying to figure it out. A lot of permitting and science has to be quantified.

• Report from the Pathways subcommittee: Farley Lewis, Elissa Crowley and Janet Crystal.

Farley reports that Janet and she met with Emily Baker and Dylan Davids on July 5th and briefly reviewed the work completed and proposed which included the installation of eighteen (18) kiosks of which fourteen (14) are new. Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) will be getting and utilizing an AmeriCorp member next year on Wednesdays. The Department of Public Works will be utilizing that volunteer once a month. Farley and Janet report that at this meeting they also discussed projects for the future, doing a trail guide pamphlet to be displayed at perhaps local water parks and at the Chamber of Commerce shanty on the Town's Village Green. Jessica notes that there is a tourism grant that they might be able to apply for regarding the cost of the pamphlets. Ann notes that previously, this committee had applied for the grant for pathway signage but was not eligible. She believes that the grant would need to be applied for by an outside entity.

Ann asks Jessica to see if it would be possible for DPW and the Conservation Commission to share an AmeriCorp volunteer in the future. Ann would also like to write a thank you letter to Emily Baker and Dylan Davids for all their work. Members agree.

Farley reports that this subcommittee will meet monthly with Will Holden from BLT who would be willing to come to a LAPC meeting to do a presentation.

- **Status of Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee; Discussion about formulating a plan going forward.**

Ann Canedy is thankful to everyone for their support. They discuss changing the name to perhaps Open Space Committee. She will be meeting with Jessica Rapp Grassetto to rethink priorities and LAPC's charges. Ann reports that she also just received the final draft of the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) and would like to review it and formulate ideas of how to go forward. She asks the members to share their interest and ideas. She notes that she would like this committee to preserve the ability to also review conservation restrictions (CR's), pathways, and the Santuit Management Plan.

Tom Lee suggests defining the timeline for CR's. They discuss the process and timelines. Ann Canedy would like input from members to send to Town Council outlining a suggested process and timelines for CR's. She also asks the members to consider a new name for this committee, and having someone from this committee to sit on the Community Preservation Committee.

Old Business:

- **Status of Santuit Preserve Management Plan-Phyllis Miller**

Phyllis reports that she still hasn't heard anything about the plan. She recently walked the Preserve with Mashpee's Conservation Agent and Dylan Davids from AmeriCorp. They outlined the trails they feel need maintenance and where the signs would be on a map (Exhibit A). Dylan has worked with her on color-coding the signs similar to those on the pathways. She notes that one of the colors chosen would indicate that the part of the trail that is in the Town of Barnstable. DWF is okay with the plan. She again notes that they are having problems with ATV's one of which is the destruction of the steps in place. She would like to suggest a clean-up day.

Jessica asks for a copy of the latest management plan. Ann will send it to her. Jessica thinks that the chair of LAPC and Phyllis should request a meeting with Mark Eills – Town Manager to finalize the plan and to outline the process for the future. Mrs. Miller explains the Santuit Management Plan committee and summarizes the plan.

- **Update on Pending Conservation Restrictions-Prince Avenue/Harju/Shaw/Amaral/Maddalena/Pozen**

Ann Canedy reports that she received a message from David Houghton – 1st Town Attorney who has reported that the Shaw CR has gone to record and that this template will be used for other CR's going forward. He also reports that the Sprinkle CR has state approval pending the finalization of the property description. She isn't sure what the problem is with the State regarding the property description. Prince Avenue is still in limbo awaiting a parking plan. She has asked the status on the parking plan but hasn't received an answer as of yet. The Amaral and Harju CR's have not been approved as of yet. She is concerned as these CR's have been pending for some time and have not received state approval. She asks that Jessica check on the status of these.

Correspondence

Ann reports that Ann Rowland, Phyllis Miller and Tom Lee are on the Town Council's agenda for reappointment. Ann would also like to remind members that election of officers will take place at next month's LAPC meeting.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion is made by Ann Rowland and seconded by Tom Lee to adjourn

Vote:

All in favor

