



# 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, September 10, 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	Absent
Anne Rowland	Present
Janet Crystal	Present

Also present were Janet Milkman – Director of Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant

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

All members present introduce themselves

Ann 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 if so, to please make their presence known.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from LAPC meeting of August 13, 2018

Ann Canedy asks to table them to next meeting for further review

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Kris Clark to table to next meeting

Vote:

All in favor

Ann Canedy asks the members to be prepared at the next meeting to think about:

- what the charge/role of this committee should be
- suggestions for a new name
- suggestions regarding a definition as to this committee’s uniqueness and mission statement

Ann anticipated also that staff from the Planning & Development (P&D) Department will be present at this committee's November meeting regarding the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). She has also received communication today from P&D's Director, Elizabeth Jenkins, that the OSRP had been approved through August 2025 with concerns, and that it is with conditional approval. They want to edit the OSRP and bring it back before LAPC again. Edits should be ready by the end of November. Ann will schedule P&D as a guest at LAPC's November meeting.

### **New Business:**

- **Discussion with Janet Milkman, Director of Barnstable Land Trust re their land swap with Orenda Trust**

Janet Milkman states that Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) purchased their first office in March (1540 Main Street) and it abuts the land which was owned by Orenda Wildlife trust who also owns the property in back which is the brickyard. One of the Orenda board members suggested that perhaps they should do a land swap as it would make more sense for BLT to control the Orenda parcel. The Orenda parcel is about 4.5 acres with a trail that goes back to the pond on the adjacent parcel owned by BLT. They put together a few ideas for swapping not only for that property but for other parcels in West Barnstable. The rationale was to make BLT and Orenda's parcels contiguous. They now own the 4.5 acres next to BLT's 5.5 acres and Orenda holds the conservation restriction (CR) on that property and states that there is still a CR on the Meadow Lane property. Ann clarifies that BLT gave Orenda the Meadow Lane property. Kris Clark asks if Barbara Birdsey was contacted about this. Janet states that both Barbara and Charles Birdsey were contacted prior to the swap, are in full support, and were part of the legal documentation which includes a reverted clause to keep things clear.

Ann asks what impact it would have on the trail system. Farley says that there is a small trail down by the pond which is not a major trail. Ann would like to see an organized walk there at some point. Janet Milkman explains that the area is wet and perhaps they could go to the Conservation Commission (ConComm) to do a plan for the trail.

Janet Milkman then discusses the volunteer issues which include liability, etc. and that BLT would be happy to help with this and thinks that perhaps there needs to be a conversation with the Town of Barnstable regarding this as there is a lot of concern in the ability to manage conservation lands.

Ann Canedy then asks Ms. Milkman if BLT could assist and/or brainstorm with LAPC regarding applications for grants for things such as the cost for brochures and signage for walking weekend events. She also suggests that perhaps BLT could be the stewards of the funds.

Janet Crystal states that she has been in touch with someone in Harwich about their conservation programs in order to use it as a reference. She volunteers as the point person on how to develop stewardship/volunteer programs. Ann Canedy will put it on the agenda for next month under Pathways Subcommittee. Kris notes that Mashpee has a strong volunteer program. Ann Canedy asks Janet Crystal if she would pursue this with Mashpee also.

### **Old Business:**

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

Janet Milkman reports that there are a couple of CR's coming this way, one is from Priscilla Jones from West Barnstable which is a tax benefit project for 2/3 of her property (4 of 5 acres, part wetland) and the Maddalena property which this committee has already reviewed which is also a tax benefit project. Ann Canedy asks if there is public access on the Pricilla Jones property. Janet states that it will be addressed in the CR. Janet Milkman will check to see if there are other CR's.

Ann Canedy confirms that there has been no movement on the Amaral, Harju or and Prince Avenue but believes that the Church Street CR was recorded

Farley clarifies with Janet Milkman that Will Holden from BLT will be doing a hike in October and that in October there will also be a walk on Crocker Neck.

As for the Walking Weekend, Farley reports that currently, there are four walks and suggests a Save-A-Date notice on LAPC's webpage and reference BLT's website for more information. Carol will find out what the deadline is for advertising in the Barnstable Bulletin for the walking weekend and advertising on LAPC's webpage.

Ann Canedy asks Tom Lee for update from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Tom drafted a flow chart and sent it to Jaci Barton and Janet Milkman on processing CR's. Tom Lee will send Ann Canedy a copy. He also reports that the only thing CPC approved was \$25,000 for affordable housing.

- **Update on Santuit Management Plan**

Phyllis Miller has nothing to report. Kris talks about the electronic library in regards to the Santuit Management Plan that David Anthony spoke about at the last LAPC meeting. She feels that this needs to be more transparent as to how to access it and perhaps be on the Town's webpage. Kris also notes that Town Council should partner with the Town Manager on the oversight of the Santuit Management Plan. Ann Canedy notes that currently, Town Council is not involved but agrees that they should partner with the Town Manager at least on the Santuit Preserve. Also, she feels that the document labeled Appendix D in the Plan should also be accessible to the public on the Town's website.

- **Report from Liaison Jessica Rapp Grasseti**

Ann Canedy has spoken with Jessica Rapp Grasseti who will be meeting with the Town Manager about the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP), Santuit Management Plan, and any outstanding CR's. Jessica also reported that the Breed's Hill property is off the table. Ann worries that this parcel will not be conserved. Because it was purchased in the 80s for the protection of drinking water supplies, LAPC will keep advocating for it to be protected with a Conservation Restriction.

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

Ann Canedy has nothing new to report on the pending CR's.

- **Update on Open Space & Recreation Plan**

Ann reports that she heard back from Elizabeth Jenkins – Director of Planning & Development today who stated that the Town of Barnstable received a letter dated August 16, 2018 from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs which conditionally approved the Plan. Kris is not pleased that that this letter of acceptance was dated August 16, 2018 but only received by LAPC today. Also, she had suggested edits after the first draft, had another list of suggested edits after the second draft which were not incorporated such as a repeat of page numbers, typographical errors, etc. She states that only 2 out of 17 edits were addressed. Ann Canedy states that Elizabeth Jenkins wants to come back in November, wants to make the edits that are suggested by the State between now and the end of October and will distribute those edits to this committee at the end of October in time to review before LAPC's November meeting. Ann suggests that at that meeting they also address the edits noted by this committee.

- **Adjournment**

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Steve Gould to adjourn

Vote:

All in favor