



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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Draft Notes

November 4, 2013; 5:30 PM

Selectmen's Conference Room; Barnstable Town Hall

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Present
Duncan Gibson	Absent
James Hinkle	Absent
Thomas Mullen	Absent
Stephen O'Neil	Absent
Tom Lee	Present
Steve Gould	Present
Vacant	

Also present were

Ann Canedy,

Farley Lewis, Ken Burns and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant.

Kris Clark opens the meeting but notes that there is not a quorum. Liz Lewis and Farley Lewis introduce themselves.

Guests:

- Liz Lewis, Executive Director and Farley Lewis, Board Member: Orenda Wildlife Land Trust and its work in Barnstable and surrounding area.

Farley Lewis gives the mission statement. **(EXHIBIT A)**. Also, they are unique in terms of land trust as they have holdings in other parts of Massachusetts. They have been partnering with numerous land trusts on the Cape. Ann Canedy asks how Orenda sees themselves as different from the other land trusts. Liz Lewis explains that they started as a land trust which Barbara Birdsey founded which was the Orenda wildlife rehab portion after which the two entities split apart. The wildlife rehab ended up taking it over. Liz explains that a lot of Birdsey's properties do not have trails as it is strictly a wildlife sanctuary. However, as they are acquiring new properties they are starting to pay attention to public access. .

Liz Lewis then starts her PowerPoint **(EXHIBIT B)**. First slide is the explanation of the word Orenda which means protected place. She goes through the PowerPoint identifying where some of the pictures are from. Liz explains that they are also very active in the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge. She states that they have also started a new project through the NRCS for the New England Cottontail. One picture shows a machine brought down from Vermont in order to thin out the trees and the other picture is the control burn. Liz explains that the burn is done when the animals are not nesting so that there would be very little loss of animal life. Next slide shows what organizations Orenda belongs to. Next slide explains that "Orenda is involved with community events."

They discuss the Bridge Creek/Crystal Pineapple area.

Kris Clark then discusses the workshop being sponsored by LAPC and the Compact of Conservation Trust that will be partnered by Orenda and BLT for the tax credit workshop which will take place on November 16th from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at Cape Wildlife Center in Cummaquid. Kris explains the specifics of the tax credit incentive program. Liz gives Orenda's phone #. Call Carol Puckett or go to LAPC's website for more information. Ann Canedy asks if the tax credit incentive program involves Federal tax. Kris explains that it is only through the state.

Approval of Minutes

▪ **Minutes from LAP meeting of October 7, 2013**

Minutes are tabled for next meeting as there is not a quorum.

Updates

▪ **Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller**

Phyllis Miller reports that Mashpee is hosting stewardship cleanup program in conjunction with AmeriCorp which is also scheduled on the same day as the tax workshop. She will be attending the Santuit Preserve workshop as a representative from Barnstable. They will have another cleanup by Barnstable at a different date. Phyllis states that the Santuit Pond Dam was dedicated a week ago and was attended by numerous representatives which included Senator Wolf, Senator Keating, Town Manager – Tom Lynch as well as Representative Ferreira. Tom Lee asks about the management plan. Phyllis explains that the Town Manager has assigned the project to Dan Santos. Phyllis states that they had their first meeting with representatives from Mashpee which included Catherine Laurent and Drew McManus along with representatives from Town of Barnstable which included Dan Santos, Darcy Karle and Amy Croteau. They are going to set some goals and priorities for the Preserve.

▪ **Pathways: Review of LAPC's walk on October 12 as part of the Pathways Fall Walking Weekend: Steve Gould and Kris Clark**

Steve Gould reports that it was attended by 13 people and that the weather was cool and sunny. It started from Cape Cod Community College with a few people who made the round trip. Kris Clark states that they will meet with Heather McElroy about planning next year's walk.

▪ **Trail maintenance update: Farley Lewis & Tom Mullen**

Kris Clark states that Tom Mullen has been asking for assistance and volunteers to be stewards in cleaning up some storm debris from the trails and pathways. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please visit LAPC's website for contact information.

▪ **Community Preservation Committee: October 28: Duncan Gibson; November 25: Tom Mullen**

Kris Clark states that Duncan Gibson could not attend the October 28th CPC meeting and asks Tom Lee for an update. Tom Lee states that it was a quick meeting but that they did approve funding for up to \$500,000 for the Long Beach Way to Water. Ann Canedy asks Tom Lee if he could share more information about the property. Tom Lee states that they talked about the Town taking the parcel by eminent domain.

▪ **Town Council Liaison: Councilor Ann Canedy**

No update from Ann.

▪ **Update from the Barnstable Water District**

Kris Clark reports that the in reference to the list of recommended parcels to CPC, she should probably attend a CPC meeting what the intent is from CPC on these. She asks Tom Lee for suggestions. Tom Lee states that he talked to the Chair of CPC who is looking for information on these parcels. Kris Clark suggests to migrate to COMM at the beginning of 2014 as they are next on the list alphabetically of villages to visit. Regarding the Barnstable properties, she heard from the Water Commissioner - David Jones who, with Peter Eastman, met with Mark Ells regarding Breed's Hill Road property. They are looking for the Town to put a conservation restriction on part of that land. Kris Clark asks the members for a general consensus about talking to COMM next. Members present are okay with that.

▪ **Update on the vacancy on our committee**

Ann Canedy has no news but comments that elections are coming up which might be delaying this. .

New Business

- Annual Report due November 22, 2013

Kris Clark will let members see the report before she hands it in.

Announcements

Tax Credit Workshop for Barnstable property owners planned for Saturday, November 16, 2013; 10:00 am to 11:30 am; Cape Wildlife Center.4011 Main Street (Route 6A), Cummaquid (Barnstable) MA

Saturday, November 16: the Mashpee Land Stewardship Program in conjunction with AmeriCorps Cape Cod, will be hosting a Cleanup of Santuit Pond, including portions of the Santuit Preserve. Meeting at the Santuit Pond Town Landing (117 Timberlane Rd, Mashpee) at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.