



# Town of Barnstable

## Land Acquisition Preservation Committee



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Committee Members

Kris Clark – Chair    Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair  
 Elissa Crowley    Duncan Gibson    Steve Gould    Thomas Lee    Farley Lewis    Thomas Mullen  
 Jessica Rapp Grasseti – Town Council Liaison

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**Minutes**

**October 6, 2014**

**5:30 PM**

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

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Present
Elissa Crowley	Present
Duncan Gibson	Present
Steve Gould	Present
Thomas Mullen	Present
Tom Lee	Present
Farley Lewis	Present
Vacant	

Also present were Mark Robinson – Executive Director from the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation, Anne Rowland, and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant.

As a quorum has been met, Kris opens the hearing and introduces Mark Robinson from the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trust and advisor to the Barnstable Land Trust. Mark is here to give an update on the state programs and in particular the tax credit for landowners. Mark reports that this past August, Governor Duval Patrick signed an environmental bond bill which comes around every 5 to 7 years which replenishes the capital program in order for the agencies to purchase open space, manage state parks and for environmental protection. On the Cape, they utilize the Reimbursement Grant Program which has helped open space, conservation, and park programs. Another program of interest is the Recreational Trails Program which has \$5,000,000 available which would probably be in the form of grants and used for the making of new public walking trails or facilities such as parking, trail heads, boardwalks, etc. The legislature has also approved an increase in the state tax credit for conservation land made by private landowners. It was originally approved as a \$50,000 maximum refundable tax credit for people donating conservation restrictions or selling land at bargain prices for conservation purposes. It has been increased to \$75,000 maximum or half the appraised value of the property being donated or sold cheaply, whichever is less. It is a tax credit and not a deduction. Also, you do not have to live or pay taxes in Massachusetts, just be an owner of land that is conservation worthy in Massachusetts to be eligible. The credit comes in a refund check for those who are not residents. If a resident, your income tax will be reduced for that calendar year and the remainder issued in a check. Here on the Cape, they have done approximately 1/3 of all of the state credit projects statewide. Any landowners in Barnstable or on the Cape, who have environmentally sensitive land, can utilize this program.

Tom Lee asks if Zone 1 parcels would qualify for this program. Mr. Robinson answers yes and states that any parcels in either Zones 1 or 2, or if the property is pure wetland or in a priority habitat, would qualify and that the appropriate paperwork would need to be completed and submitted to the state who would then reply within 30 days to the property owner. He states that his office would be available for anyone needing assistance in filling out the application.

He gives a brief update on the Korkuch property.

## **Notice of Recording**

Kris reads the following:

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.

No one responds.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **Minutes from LAP meeting of May 12, 2014**

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Tom Lee to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote:

AYE: Kris Clark, Elissa Crowley, Farley Lewis, Steve Gould, Tom Lee

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Duncan Gibson as he was not present at the meeting.

## **Updates**

### **Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller & Kris Clark**

Phyllis Miller states that she has received an email from Dan Santos – Director of DPW informing her that the shed that has been of concern, has been completely cleaned out. She thanks Dan, Mark Ells and Jessica Rapp Grassetti for their attention to this issue.

Tom Mullen arrives

### **Pathways - Trail maintenance update: Tom Mullen, Steve Gould**

Kris announces that walking weekend will be this coming weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Elissa Crowley states that she will be leading the first walk on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and asks people to meet at the parking lot at Old Jail Lane Conservation parking lot area. The walk will be approximately four miles, should take approximately two hours, will traverse into the Audubon area and warns of poison ivy. For more information please visit LAPC's website under "Fall Walking Weekend" which will show a map of the trails. Elissa reports that the trails are in good shape as she has recently walked it herself.

Steve Gould reports that he has walked the Santuit Preserve with Kris a few weeks ago and that the walk scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> will be a low key, very nice walk.

Kris reports that in addition to the Old Jail Lane and Santuit Preserve walks, there will be one at Sandy Neck led by Sean Kortis, one by Mark Robinson at the Lowell Park area, and another at the West Barnstable Conservation Area led by Heidi Moss.

Kris suggests having the GIS department collect data about the walks and create a library for the public so that they may access the details of each walk.

### **Community Preservation Committee:**

Tom Lee reports that there was only one application before CPC which was a request for \$250,000 for the Sturgis Library in order to repair the HVAC and climate control storage.

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

Jessica reiterates about the shed removal at Santuit Preserve. She states that she also announced the walking weekend at the recent Town Council meeting and has updated to her own blog to get the word out. She suggests adding pictures of the walk to LAPC's website.

Kris reports that after hearing about a Town Council meeting at which Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) chair, Phil Boudreau reported that his committee would be looking at water quality concerns, she made a point of attending the recent CAC meeting to explain what LAPC has been doing in regards to the water quality work. They discuss the 208 Water Management Plan briefly.

Kris announces that there is a vacancy on the board since Steve O'Neil's resignation and explains that LAPC's charge is on the website if anyone is interested.

## **Old Business**

### **Chair's update**

#### **Open Space & Recreation Plan's Implementation Updates**

##### ▪ **Cotuit Water District**

Kris believes that the people in Cotuit are working on this and hopes that, by the next meeting, there will be a wish list from them in regards to the parcels of concern.

##### ▪ **West Barnstable Water District**

Kris attended a meeting in late September at which parcels were identified but for which more detailed maps are needed from GIS. She believes that their list will finally be completed by next week and that the complete project should be submitted to CPC by the end of the year.

##### ▪ **2010 Open Space & Recreation Plan Review**

Duncan Gibson reports that he has sent an email to subcommittee members with reading assignments in regards to the plan and also asks for any suggestions LAPC members might have. He will be scheduling the subcommittee meeting by the next LAPC meeting.

##### ▪ **Annual Report**

Kris has submitted information for the annual report and that a tag line may be written for LAPC.

##### ▪ **Announcements**

Duncan will post the walking weekend information on the "375<sup>th</sup> Barnstable" Facebook page.

Kris asks walk leaders to take pictures of their walks to post. Tom Lee suggests asking ConComm to post on their webpage also.

## **Adjournment**

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Elissa Crowley to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor

Approved