



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 Vacant
Jessica Rapp Grasseti – Town Council Liaison

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Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant – carol.puckett@town.barnstable.ma.us

Minutes

November 10, 2014

5:30 PM

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Status. Rows include 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), and Vacant (Present).

Also present were Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant and Mark Robinson from Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts and Casey Dannhauser Conservation Coordinator.

Call to Order

As a quorum has been met, Kris Clark opens the hearing at 5:30 PM.

Kris reads the following:

Notice of Recording

Please note that this meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 an in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A §20. I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

Guest:

Mark Robinson, Executive Director of Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts. RE: Conservation Restriction proposal for Hayes property: 1.37-acre parcel on Shoot Flying Hill Road, Barnstable Village

Mark Robinson introduces Casey Dannhauser who is the Conservation Coordinator for the Barnstable Land Trust. Casey announces BLT’s annual meeting which will take place on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 5:30 PM at St. Peter’s Church in Osterville. The Founder’s Award will be given to Tom Mullen from LAPC.

Mark Robinson states that he is here to bring forward a proposed conservation restriction for property located at 5 Shootflying Hill Road and is requesting a positive recommendation from LAPC to Town Council. He states that the property is owned in a real estate trust controlled by Norman Hayes who will be donating this parcel to a new land trust which is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization: Native Land Conservancy which operates out of Mashpee but is throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. It is governed by Native Americans

but is not part of tribal government and is not associated with the Wampanoag tribe. The Native Land Conservancy was formed two years ago and has received their tax exempt status. This will be their first donation of land to the group. Mr. Hayes is entitled and eligible to receive the Massachusetts Conservation tax credit and, as part of the process, is required to make sure that after he donates the land to the Native Land Conservancy that they in turn convey a conservation restriction to a qualified entity which will be BLT. Mr. Robinson states that the property is important as it is undisturbed woodlands, is wholly within Zone 2 area of contribution and adjoins other protected open space. He describes the topography of the lot. Mark points out a small rectangular lot on the map (**Exhibit A**) which Mr. Hayes would like to convey to his grandchildren.

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Duncan Gibson to recommend to Town Council to approve this conservation restriction.

Vote:

All in favor

Mark Robinson states, that for the record, according to the Town's Assessor's record, it is 1.57 acres. However, the land had never been surveyed until this year and was found to be 1.37 acres.

Kris asks Mark for an update on the Southeastern Massachusetts Convocation. Mark announces that it will take place on January 31, 2015 and will consist of four workshops which are free and open to the general public. The topics will be of interest to land trust, conservation commissions and open space committees, etc. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.thecompact.net/regionalProjects.htm>

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from LAP meeting of October 6, 2014

Motion is made by Farley Lewis and seconded by Elissa Crowley to approve the minutes as submitted. .

Vote;

All in favor

Updates

- **Santuit Preserve – Phyllis Miller**

Phyllis has nothing new to report.

- **Pathways – Farley Lewis, Tom Mullen, Steve Gould**

Tom Mullen reports that there has been some vandalism to the path markers and map displays and will try to get out there before the first snow to try and replace the maps. They discuss security and Kris Clark suggests money for motion detecting cameras on the paths. Elissa reports that the weather conditions were nice for her recent fall walking weekend and attended by 13 people. Kris believes that Mark Robinson's walk and the Sandy Neck walks went well also. Kris reports that Farley Lewis has volunteered to take these walks, develop the narratives with a timeline and map and create a library for public information.

- **Community Preservation Committee – Tom Lee**

Tom Lee reports that the meeting which took place on October 27th was brief. They approved funding for the Sturgis Library for the archive space and HVAC system. The money will be drawn from CPC's historical preservation funds with the remainder to be supplemented from the undesignated funds. Also at the meeting, Mark Milne gave them an update of CPC's financials which he will send to Carol. Tom Lee announces that the Housing subcommittee has been discussing having a workshop on developing a strategy for a possible part-time Housing Coordinator.

- **Town Council Liaison Update - Councilor Jessica Rapp Grasseti**

Kris reports that Jessica is not present as she had a conflict but wanted to report agenda item 2015-041 passed at Town Council's last meeting which is a conservation restriction regarding the rail trail and bike trail into Barnstable (**Exhibit B**).

Old Business

Chair's update

- **Open Space & Recreation Plan's Implementation Updates**
- **Cotuit Water District**

Kris reports that Cotuit Water District is still working on their priority list.

▪ **West Barnstable Water District**

Kris reports that she has met with the West Barnstable Water District who has gone over the maps and will whittle down their parcels of concern to a priority list. She doesn't believe that the task of visiting every water district and having their priority lists will be ready by the end of the year.

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

Duncan reports that there was a subcommittee meeting tonight at 4:30 attended by Phyllis Miller, Kris Clark, Tom Mullen and himself. They met and reviewed Section 2 and would like to develop a questionnaire to be sent out to individual land owning groups such as Orenda and Barnstable Land Trust regarding land owning and conservation restrictions over the past five years. The subcommittee will meet again in December previous to LAPC's monthly meeting. Once they have more information, they will contact Growth Management and the Recreation Department in reference to a timeline. Kris thinks that the earlier they send out the survey, the better the response will be.

Announcements

Kris announces that there is a vacancy on LAPC and if anyone is interested, please contact the Appointments Committee.

Correspondence

Adjournment

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

Vote:

All in favor

APPROVED