



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 Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

Staff Support

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

Minutes

December 8, 2014

5:30 PM

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

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

Also present were Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant and Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council President/LAPC Liaison.

Call to Order

At 5:31, Kris calls the meeting to order as a quorum has been met.

Kris reads the following into the record:

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 to please make their presence known.

Kris states that Elissa Crowley will not be present tonight

Approval of Minutes

▪ **Minutes from LAP meeting of November 10, 2014**

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Duncan Gibson to accept minutes as submitted.

Vote:

All in favor

Updates

▪ **Santuit Preserve – Phyllis Miller**

Phyllis reports that she has spoken with Drew McManus – Conservation Agent from Mashpee asking for an update and to inform him that, on her last walk of the area, she encountered a large trash barrel at the junction of the Mashpee/Barnstable line. She noted that it has not been emptied in a long time and was full of trash and empty cans. Drew had informed her that he is not aware of the barrel but in the next month will plan on getting it emptied. Tom Mullen suggests getting Champ House to come out and get the cans for redemption. Phyllis will follow-up on his suggestion. Phyllis also reports that on December 16, 2014, she will be meeting with AmeriCorps on-site regarding the embankment on the Barnstable side. She reports there is new fencing next to the

dam which stops the all-terrain vehicles but that makes traversing the embankment difficult. The plan is to acquire railroad ties, or such, to be used as stairs on the embankment. Also, Mashpee will be putting in a new access for parking on their side of the Preserve with funds from their Community Preservation Committee (CPC). She states that the current parking area is small and can only accommodate three cars. The parking area will be in a lot off Route 130.

Next, Kris Clark introduces Tom Rooney - Superintendent for the Barnstable Water Company

Tom Rooney reports that earlier today he received a message from Ann Canedy supporting the decision to change the designation of the Breeds Hill parcel from municipal to conservation. Tom thanks LAPC for their support. He notes that this parcel is upstream from two water drinking wells, one of which has just recently been completed. The parcel was purchased with water protection in mind and this proposal would change the status from that of municipal use to that of conservation use. Steve Gould asks how the usage will change. Mr. Rooney states that there are issues regarding water management and that water being drawn might be reduced in the future and that these wells are a very important resource and are irreplaceable. He states that during the 80's, Cape Cod Potato Chip was releasing chloroform into the septic system which ended up contaminating putting the well out of production of almost twenty years. Farley Lewis asks what the status would be if this parcel wasn't conserved. Mr. Rooney states that it could possibly be built upon and that anything spilled would go into the drinking water wells. Duncan Gibson notes that this was the same parcel where solar panels were proposed. Tom Lee states, that in general, this is a critical parcel and that they would like to preserve any parcels near public water drinking supply. Phyllis thinks they should write a strong letter citing all the points and rationale of their past recommendations to protect this parcel and to again ask to protect the water supply permanently. Jessica Rapp Grassetti states that the public comment period was for MEPA and sees this item coming back before the Town Council on January 22, 2015 which is when they will take up the land swap questions. Phyllis suggests someone from LAPC to attend that meeting.

Motion is made by Tom Lee and seconded by Tom Mullen to accept the letter to MEPA supporting the land swap. He would also like Town Council copied on this.

Members discuss land swap versus conservation restriction. Tom Lee accepts an amendment by Steve Gould to send letter to MEPA to support putting the Breeds Hill parcel in conservation.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti notes that this has been approved by ConComm but not by Town Council as of yet.

Tom Mullen seconds the amendment.

Vote:

All in favor

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

Farley states that Elissa Crowely and her looked into signage for the trail heads and submitted a quote (EXHIBIT A) from Cape Cod Signs to Kris Clark today. Kris notes that there is a Tourism mini grant which they might be able to apply for in order to cover the cost of the signs. Kris passes around the mini grant for tourists application (EXHIBIT B) due on January 15th. Kris thinks this might be something they could apply for. Farley volunteers to write the grant whose deadline is January 15, 2015. Kris asks Jessica if any other approval is needed in order to write the grant. Jessica suggests asking Growth Management.

▪ **Community Preservation Committee – Tom Lee**

Tom Lee reports that there were two letters of intent: one from the Sandy Neck Board for \$200,000 for the restoration of Bodfish Beach Park and Sandy Neck Beach and another for the Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod for \$100,000 for the creation of two, two bedroom single-family homes. Tom Lee states that the first request was approved and funding will come from CPC funds for historic restoration and that both funding requests were approved. They are also planning workshops on utilizing CPC affordable housing funds.

▪ **Town Council Liaison Update - Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetti**

Jessica reports that Lowell Park is expected to have a first read on January 8th before the Council and has requested that all information be outlined and any slides be done at first read.

Old Business

Chair's update

Kris notes that there is still a vacancy on LAPC and that there might be an interested applicant.

- **Cotuit Water District**
Phyllis Miller reports that she has spoken to the secretary at Cotuit Water to remind the superintendent to submit his list which is due to this committee by the end of this month
- **West Barnstable Water District**
Kris reports that the West Barnstable Water District has requested a map from GIS and will be meeting again this week to discuss
- **2010 Open Space & Recreation Plan Review Update**
Duncan states that there was a meeting this afternoon to discuss the survey that LAPC will be updating from the 2010 version to insure that it is more disseminated, have it available for a longer period of time which they are hoping will yield more responses. He announces that there will be another meeting before the January, 2015 LAPC meeting.

Announcements

Kris reports that she received correspondence from Dick Aliberti dated November 17th (EXHIBIT C) reiterating his concerns of the water drawn down by Willowbend. Jessica Rapp Grasseti states that she has mentioned this correspondence to Representative Mannal and Congressman Keating.

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Tom Mullen to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor.

EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A = Email dated 12-08-14 from Chick Pollock from Cape & Islands Signs, LLC.

EXHIBIT B = FY15 Town of Barnstable, Tourism Mini-Grant Program Rules & Guidelines – Two (2) pages

EXHIBIT C = Announcements – Letter addressed to Paul Niedzwiecki – Six (6) pages

Please Note: The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that if it so votes, the Committee may go into executive session. The Committee may also act on items in an order other than they appear on this agenda.

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