

Town of Barnstable
Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee

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Committee Members

Kris Clark – Chair Farley Lewis – Vice Chair
Phyllis Miller Elissa Crowley Steve Gould Thomas Lee Thomas Mullen Anne Rowland Ann Canedy
Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

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Minutes

Monday

March 14, 2016

5:30 PM

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

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller	Present
Steve Gould	Present
Thomas Mullen	Absent
Tom Lee	Present
Elissa Crowley	Present
Anne Rowland	Present
Ann Canedy	Absent

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

Call to Order

As a quorum has been met, Kris Clark opens the meeting at 5:33 pm.

Kris 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 to please make their presence known.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from LAP meeting of January 11, 2016

Motion is made by Anne Rowland and seconded by Elissa Crowley to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote:

All in favor

Updates

▪ **Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller**

Phyllis defers to Jessica Rapp Grassetti. Ms. Rapp Grassetti states that she had reached out to DPW – Director, Dan Santos, who, in the past, has been the go-to person for issues with the Preserve. Mr. Santos relayed that David Anthony – Director of Property and Risk Management, will now be addressing those issues. She has not contacted David Anthony as of yet, however, Mr. Santos did assure Ms. Rapp Grassetti that if removal of debris is needed he is happy to continue in that manner.

Phyllis Miller reports that the herring have started running at the Preserve. Farley Lewis adds that she attended a meeting on February 3rd of the Water Resources Advisory Committee at which time Steve Hurley – from MassWildlife Energy and Environmental Affairs gave a presentation about the river and lack of trout. He reported that the waters are getting warmer because of the build up of algae and hopes to transplant some trout from Mashpee but will not be able to until the nitrogen problem is managed or fixed. She passes that info on to this committee in case they want to have Steve Hurley come and speak to this group. Also, she notes that in attendance at that meeting was Richard Aliberti.

Ms. Rapp Grassetti was at a meeting today in Waquoit with Steve Hurley from MassWildlife Energy & Environmental Affairs, Chuckie Green and Casey Thornberg from Mashpee’s Wampanoag tribe, and Geoffrey Day – Executive Director of the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition. The discussion was a result of her concern about the lack of sea run brook trout in the river. She states that the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe initiated a study to determine whether or not the sea run brook trout were there and are looking for resources to do a white paper study on this to determine the cause(s). There are monitors in the river but are in need of more data and don’t want to populate the river until they figure out why the trout are not present currently. They need to be mindful about how they are caring for the river. She states that there is a scheduled meeting for a month from now and will have Doug Kalweit from the Town of Barnstable’s Marine and Environmental Affairs attend. Phyllis Miller suggests having Drew McManus from Mashpee attend also. Ms. Rapp Grassetti talks about the culvert in that area and perhaps an upgrade to that culvert.

Phyllis reports that the boards at the herring run have been opened and notes that there could be a suggestion of a locking system. Kris thinks they should be on standby to see how this develops.

▪ **Pathways: Farley Lewis**

- April 15th (Friday) – 10:00 am - Elissa Crowley – Walk to Great Marsh Audubon
- April 15th (Friday) – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Sean Kortis – Sandy Neck Spring Wetlands Walk
- April 16th – (Saturday) – 10:00 am – Red Bansfield – Old Neck Lane
- April 16th – (Saturday) – 8:00 – 10:00 am – Mary Richmond – Hathaway’s Pond
- April 17th – (Sunday) – 9:00 am – Phyllis Miller – Santuit Preserve
- April 18th (Monday) – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Farley Lewis – Barnstable Village

Farley thanks everyone who will lead walks and is pleased to offer this again for the spring. She confirms that it is in the Barnstable Bulletin. Staff will see about

- putting the spring walk information/dates on the Town of Barnstable’s home page
- putting the spring walk information on LAPC’s webpage
- devise a template for future walk information to make it easier to track that information
- research as to how a map of the walks can be devised at the town’s GIS department
- provide information to Channel 18 slide show in s “Save the Dates” type format
- create a brochure on the spring walks for the libraries

Phyllis notes that some of the trails are not marked which, in part, is the intention of the management plan which is pending

▪ **Community Preservation Committee: Tom Lee**

Tom Lee reports that the last CPC meeting was held on February 22nd and was a short meeting. There was a letter of intent from the Town Manager and DPW to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of recreation fields in the Town of Barnstable. Request is for funds in the amount of \$137,528 to develop a scope of work and to engage a consultant which was approved and will be going into the application phase. Mr. Lee states that the report from the consultant is needed in order to see what funding is needed for the improvements at which time they will come back and request that amount.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti states that perhaps signage for walks can be done through the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and perhaps a subcommittee could be formed to look into signage and options for technical signage. Tom Lee to check with CPC about funding options for signage.

Old Business

▪ **Preservation of Breed’s Hill property status**

Jessica Rapp Grassetti states that it is continued intentionally until after budget season. However, Mark Ells – Assistant Town Manager has spoken with the state regarding the land swap for the shooting range. She has urged Mr. Ells to also contact the Conservation Commission regarding the possibility of adding more acreage.

- Open Space and Recreation Plan (effective until June, 2017)
Kris notes that Joanne Buntich – Director of Growth Management reports that the plan will be in the 2017 budget and will be addressed later in 2016.

New Business

- Doe Conservation Restriction expected next month
- Welcome new member, Ann Canedy
Kris mentions that we have a new member, Ann Canedy who is unable to be here tonight.

Adjournment

Motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Ann Rowland to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor

Please note that the committee may act on items in a different order than they appear on this agenda.
Also, if it so votes, the committee may go into Executive Session