

Town of Barnstable
Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee

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Committee Members

Kris Clark – Chair Farley Lewis – Vice Chair
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Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council Liaison

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Minutes

Monday

May 9, 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	Present
Tom Lee	Present
Elissa Crowley	Present
Anne Rowland	Absent
Ann Canedy	Present

Also present were Jessica Rapp Grassetti – Town Council President, Jaci Barton – Executive Director of the Barnstable Land Trust, and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

As a quorum is met, Kris calls the meeting to order 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.

Guest

Amy Croteau – Town of Barnstable’s Natural Resource Officer and Andrew McManus – Town of Mashpee’s Conservation Agent Herring Warden: Update on the state of the herring runs in Barnstable and at the Santuit Preserve.

Kris notes that Drew McManus could not be here tonight and therefore introduces Amy Croteau from the Town of Barnstable’s Marine & Environmental Affairs Department.

Amy Croteau gives a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Herring Runs in the Town of Barnstable” (Exhibit A). She shows the Santuit River which is a shared herring run. She reports that the Centerville River Run, which is a smaller run and whose herring count is modest, is currently suspended for the time being. The less active runs include the Red Lily Pond/Lake Elizabeth run which is currently run by a local neighborhood association whose fish ladder is in a state of epic failure.

Mill Pond, which is in West Barnstable, is not considered an active run at this time. She points out the potential runs

at the lower left hand corner of the slide. She shows the Santuit River run which sustains itself and has herring running in it. Her department met with Steve Hurley from the Department of Marine and Fisheries to discuss timing for maintenance of the run versus the needs of the brook trout. They are in the process of formulating a dual responsibility maintenance plan for that run.

She went into the Santuit Preserve recently where she noticed fish at the bottom of the ladder. There were cinder blocks positioned at the bottom of the ladder but doesn't think it will be a problem for the fish getting into the pond.

Marstons Mills River is where they financially have the most money tied up in a herring run locally. The Capital Improvement Plan – Design and Permitting was approved for the Mill Pond cement fish ladder. There is capital improvement money allocated and dedicated to the Flume Avenue reconstruction.

There is a section of this run where Rosa Lane attaches to Whistleberry which had a footpath going over that connection. However, the footpath fell in at which time they had Department of Public Works (DPW) install a plastic pipe for the spawning run which sent hundreds of fish into Middle Pond.

Along Marstons Mills River they find people littering which they document and give to the Conservation Commission to follow up.

Centerville River/Lake Wequaquet run has had a modest count and is a small run in general. Next year she will work with the Conservation Commission about counts. Biggest problem in Centerville River, besides lack of rain, is lack of time to clean up and to remove obstacles that impinge the fish run.

She shows the Red Lily Pond/Lake Elizabeth slide and explains.

As for the Little River Run, a lot of work and study would be needed to get this run up and running. Brad Chase, from the state, will start a habitat assessment this month and teach them to do assessments on their own.

Next slide is surveillance which she explains.

Ann Canedy suggests adding Hinckley Pond in Barnstable to a list for potential herring runs as this one had historically been one. She notes that if opened to the (Barnstable) harbor, would improve the pond.

Jaci Barton from the Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) asks how much water supplies are affecting the streams and rivers and wonders if they are using any kind of correlation of pumping and groundwater to understand what's happening in those rivers. She wonders if the places where they are going to do restoration, if they take into consideration, the places where there are no public water supplies. Ms. Croteau explains that the Santuit River is an example of where water is pulled out because of the cranberry bogs yet this is the largest run they have in this town.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti asks what the balance is when they clean out the ponds/rivers. Amy Croteau explains that it is a fine balance.

Kris reads a response email from Drew McManus (Exhibit B) and summarizes that there will be a new 10 car parking lot which has been created for the Santuit Pond Reserve and they continue to monitor the fish ladder at Santuit Pond.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from LAP meeting of April 11, 2016

Motion by is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Elissa Crowley to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote:

All in favor

Updates

- Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller

Phyllis Miller states that the herring and sea trout were at the bottom of the ladder and noticed a lot of osprey in the area. She reports that DPW did more cleaning of the walking trail. She also reports that there was a meeting last week which was set up by Jessica Rapp Grassetto to discuss the management plan. Among the attendees were Mark Ells – Assistant Town Manager, David Anthony – Chief Procurement Officer, Darcy Karle – ConComm Director, Ann Canedy, Steve Hurley from Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife and his assistant as well as herself. They were pleased that a log has been kept and about the clean-up effort. Mr. Ells will be doing a follow-up.

▪ **Pathways: Farley Lewis**

- Review of Spring Walking Weekend held over Patriot’s Day weekend
Farley gives a quick summary of the walks during the Patriot’s Day weekend. They talk about media advertising and the upcoming fall walk and how to advertise.
- Pathways Update – Looking to update trail signage
They talk about the signage for the trails and supplies. She explains the white blocks with the red arrows and is looking for volunteers to affix them.

▪ **Community Preservation Committee: Tom Lee**

Tom Lee reports that he was unable to attend the meeting but states that before CPC were:

Letters of Intent:

- LOI from the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit requesting \$10,710 CPA historic preservation funds for restoration of the 1790 Samuel Dottridge Homestead including new shingles, front entry door, painting of trim, window re-glazing and repair, and fence replacement.
- LOI from Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod requesting up to \$200,000 CPA community housing funds representing \$50,000 per unit to offset infrastructure and construction costs for four single-family 3-bedroom homes in a proposed new Habitat neighborhood of affordable homes located at 536 River Road, Marstons Mills.

He believes they were approved.

He also reports that the applications were:

Applications/Presentations:

- Application from the Town Manager and DPW requesting \$750,000 for a portion of the total hard and soft costs for the Lombard Parking and Field Improvement Project. Matching funds are contained in a pending FY17 CIP.
- Application from the Town Manager and DPW requesting \$158,730 for both hard and soft costs associated with the replacement of failed metal windows at the West Barnstable Community Building with historic wood replicated windows.
- Application from Barnstable Little League requesting \$125,000 for a portion of the total costs for construction of a miniature replica of Fenway Park which will be called “Fenway Cape Cod” and geared towards Barnstable Little League Farm Program (ages 6-8). Field will be located in the Lyndon Paul Lorusso Baseball Complex at 165 Bears’s Way, Hyannis and will be constructed and maintained by the Barnstable Little League. Request for \$125,000 represents a 40% portion of the total costs with the balance to be provided by both direct funding, in kind donations and fundraising.

Mr. Lee reports that he believes that all the applications were approved.

▪ **Town Council Liaison: Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetto**

Ms. Rapp Grassetto states that it is her understanding that BLT has agreed to hold the conservation restriction (CR) at Sandy Neck. Jaci Barton reports that it is under review by Environmental Affairs. Ms. Rapp Grassetto also reports that the Breed’s Hill parcel will be back before Town Council on July 21st.

Old Business

- **Open Space and Recreation Plan (effective until June, 2017)**
Kris has nothing new to report on the Plan.

Announcements

Kris states that the annual report is out and that LAPC’s report is on page 135.

Adjournment

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

Vote:

All in favor

Approved