

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes
13 January 2014
Meeting #6

Present: Analiese Larsen, Fred Mascioangelo, Jed Harris, Caleb Hemphill, Ted Asherman, Nathan Poore, Lucky D'Ascanio, Bob Shafto Absent: Dave Gagnon, Sean Mahoney

Item #1: Time for a Land Acquisition Bond

We discussed the feasibility of requesting that the Council pursue the previously authorized acquisition bond funding. As it happens, there may be an omnibus-type bond coming up this spring that some funding might be attached to. It was decided that we need to learn more about this process; Nathan will invite Rob Boschen and a Gorham Savings Bank person to our next meeting to brief us on this process.

Item #2: Hardy Road Property

The group decided that we should pursue acquisition of the Hardy Rd property that was rated highly for its open space values. Bob will talk with its owner to see if they are interested in either selling or donating it.

Item #3: Comprehensive Plan Implementation

We reviewed the implementation items assigned to LMAC. While many are in process, two items stood out impartially:

1. Support for owners of privated forested lots;
2. Getting River Point on the National Register of Historic Places.

We decided to host a meeting of private forest owners to ask them what support we might provide them. In turn, we might ask them for support when it comes to educating residents about good forest management practices. We will do that meeting in March. Bob will do the research and ask Sherry Huber for her ideas as well.

Bob will also investigate the NRHP application process and what benefits it might offer.

Item #4: Annual Report

Several suggestions were made regarding the 2013 Annual Report. We should add: the 2nd generation map; the Council retreat work; FNP trail work; and activities tied to National Trail Days and the Great Maine Outdoors Weekend.. Under "goals," add Comp Plan Implementation.

Item #5: Hardy Rd & High Meadows Management Plans

Lucky will take these two management plans to the Council for their approval, to be scheduled for a meeting with an otherwise light agenda.

Item #6: Farm View Property

The committee agreed that the town should not accept the donation of the Farm View set aside property as conservation land and recommend that the Falmouth Land Trust consider the donation.

Item #7: LMAC Chair

On a motion by Fred and 2nd by Jed, Caleb Hemphill was unanimously elected LMAC Chair.

Updates

- ❖ The River Point bridge RFP will be out soon.
- ❖ Three events are coming up this month and next.
- ❖ The Forest Service grant is in; LMF grant next up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Next meeting dates:
February 10th, 8:00 a.m.