

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes
14 April 2014
Meeting #9

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

Item #1: Trailhead Signs

We agreed that permanent signs announcing hunting season, trail closures, etc. ought to be made and placed on 4 x 4 posts at trailheads to replace the laminated paper signs we have been using. Lucky and Bob will workup the language.

Item #2: Trail Closures

Caleb & Fred will recommend trail closure dates (closing & opening) to Lucky, who will post that announcement to mt. bike and other trail user groups (e.g. – trail runners), bike shops, Channel 2, town emails, etc. The notice will say “Falmouth trails temporarily closed due to poor trail conditions until further notice.” Trail closures will be coordinated with the Falmouth Land Trust (both with close and open on the same dates.)

Item #3: Forester

We will look for a new town forester. Bob, Ted & Caleb will interview Harold Burnett & Paul Larrivee and make the selection. Criteria will include:

- ❖ Licensing and insurance
- ❖ Good references
- ❖ Track record with towns and/or land trusts (organizations, not just private landowners)
- ❖ Good writing and presentation (communication) skills
- ❖ Responsive
- ❖ Skillful
- ❖ Cost effective

Item #4: Next Trails Grant

Two suggestions were made for the focus of our next RTP grant: making the initial loop in Woods Road Community Forest handicapped accessible and creating a parking area at the end of Oxford Woods Road if it becomes a town road or with developer permission.

Updates

- ❖ The Tree Growth owners meeting went very well and may be the start of an informal network of such landowners.
- ❖ A request for \$450K for a River Point bridge will go to the Council on Wednesday evening.
- ❖ The LMF grant has been submitted and will compete against 21 other proposals. One appraisal will need to be redone however if funded. We should know on it and the US Forest Service grant in mid-summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. Next meeting date:
May 12th, 8:00 a.m.