

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

12 Aug 2014 Meeting #12

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

Item #1: June 9th Minutes

Dave Gagnon moved and Ted Asherman seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the June 9th and prior meetings. Unanimously approved.

Item #2: New Chair, New Members

We will cast a wide net to recruit a new LMAC member so the Appointments Committee will have a broad pool of candidates. We hope to have a new person appointed by our October meeting. A vote on a new chair will be postponed until the September meeting.

Item #3: Forestry Plan

We reviewed the proposed harvest plan for Woods Road Community Forest. One modification: we might get access from the Historical Society lot since they want some clearing done on their property. Bob will check that out with their president. The plan will be presented to the Council on October 15th by the forester and will also include the plan for Blackstrap Hill Community Forest.

Item #4: Dogs

People agreed that this issue is timely and should be addressed now. We agreed to present our plan for a forum on the subject of dogs on public lands to the Council on October 15th in a way that frames the issue for the public and describes the process we will use to get input on what regulations regarding dogs on public land might be both appropriate and workable. We'll also suggest that increased enforcement of existing and future regulations will be an important part of the process.

Item #5: Grants

Bob reported that the U.S. Forest Service grant award has been received, but the Land for Maine's Future award letter is still pending. Key to moving ahead on both grants will be the result of an appraisal being done on one of the acquisition parcels. That appraisal should be in hand in 7-10 days.

Item #6: Executive Session

Dave moved and Fred seconded a motion to go into executive session under MRSA 1 section 4056C to discuss a pending land acquisition opportunity.

Item #7: Updates

- The Cross Falmouth Trail is complete – 12 miles of continuous trail from the Windham line to River Point, with a short section on roads.
- Construction planning for the River Point bridge is proceeding, but it is unlikely that we'll see the final product until December.
- The possibility of constructing a tunnel linking Community Park and the school campus is a high priority in the Council's work plan. A working group is being formed to lead that process.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be rescheduled for September 16th. All future meetings will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.