

## Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

### 16 Sep 2014 Meeting #13

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

#### Item #1: Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Ted Asherman moved and Jed Harris seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Unanimously approved.

#### Item #2: New Chair

Fred Mascioangelo moved and Jed Harris seconded a motion to elect Ted Asherman as LMAC's chair. Unanimously approved.

#### Item #3: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

1. *Dog stakeholders meeting.* We are ready to organize such a meeting according the proposed design, the purpose of which will be to get advice from stakeholders interested in what we can do to solve the problems we are experiencing with some dog owners in parks and public lands. Whether or not the Council is ready to take up this issue remains a question. Dave Goldberg, Karen Farber & Nathan are meeting soon to discuss Council agenda priorities and will discuss this question then. We will know their position by our next meeting.
2. *Harvest Plans.* We will present the harvest plans for Blackstrap Hill and Woods Road Community Forests at this meeting, including how we will involve the public. The desired outcome is Council approval for moving ahead with these plans.

#### Item #4: Volunteers

Both the Lion's Club and the Falmouth High Outing Club have expressed interest in supporting our trail work. Bob will meet with both in the next two weeks. Ideas for using their talents: Create more 1-minute trail videos (Outing Club), steward existing trails, and build the new relocated trail needed at the Preserve at South Ridge.

#### Item #5: Comprehensive Plan Action Steps

We reviewed the eleven action steps that LMAC might have a role in accomplishing. Items 3 (River Point access), 9 (acquisitions that provide connections), 10 (finding regional partners), 12 (promoting awareness) and 60 (supporting private forest landowners) are all underway. Item 30 (signage) is being handled by LPAC, but Bob would like to be informed about open space signage. 59 (farmland) has been investigated, but no opportunities have presented themselves. Items 1, 11, 64 & 65 are the purview of other committees.

#### Item #6: Updates

- IDEXX and FCC volunteers built 0.7 miles of trail in No. Falmouth Community Forest in August.
- We will construct and elevated walk/bikeway in the Turnpike underpass this month.
- A new canoe launch at Field Road will be build by Bowdoin students on 9/20.
- Work on the River Point replacement bridge has been delayed by the RR.
- The LMF and US Forest Service grant acquisitions are in motion, but will take many months to complete.

#### Meeting Schedule

**The next meeting will be rescheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>. The November meeting with be on the 18<sup>th</sup>, not the 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.