

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

9 Dec 2014 Meeting #16

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

Item #1: November 18th Minutes

Dave Gagnon moved and Jed Harris seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Unanimously approved.

Item #2: Executive Session

Pursuant to MRSA 1 section 4056C, the Committee went into executive session to discuss possible property acquisitions.

Item #3: Council Meeting Followup

We discussed the results of the November 24th Council meeting and decided:

1. We will confirm with forester Paul Larrivee that no loggers are interested harvesting a parcel the size of the Woods Road plot. We will ask his advice regarding how we might attract a logger, perhaps by sweetening the deal by foregoing the stumpage fees he/she would normally play the town, and perhaps offer a cash payment on top of that (to be negotiated) to be sure the town is in compliance with the DEP order governing the property.
2. A summary of the ecological features of each parcel will be prepared by Bob and discussed at the next LMAC meeting as an alternative to contracting for the external ecological survey they requested.
3. The Committee agreed that it needs to continue its efforts in educating the Council regarding the Management Plans and the value/benefits of managing the properties from an ecological perspective (in addition to their public uses).

Item #4: Updates

- Winter plowing is proceeding as planned.
- Woods Road trail closing signs will be posted soon.
- Amanda Stearns, Lucky & Bob will meet after the first of the year to discuss what should be done re required subdivision trails.
- Nothing's been done about the dog licensing flyer (lots of activity on the 1st floor due to construction work). Lucky will follow up.
- The *Forecaster* will run an article on No. Falmouth Community Forest acquisitions soon. Perhaps an article on the history signs as well.
- The River Point will be open this coming Friday, with project completion in the spring when paving and landscaping can be completed. We are hopeful that a spring ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled.

Meeting Schedule

The January meeting is scheduled for the Tuesday, the 6th, 8:15 a.m.
This was Jed Harris's last LMAC meeting. Thank you Jed!

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.