

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

6 Jan 2015 Meeting #17

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

Item #1: December 9th Minutes

Dave Gagnon moved and Aaron Svedlow seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the December 9th meeting. Approved 3-0.

Item #2: Trail Map Update

Various suggestions were made regarding improvements to the next version of the trail map. They included:

- Fade the lot lines on the large map and eliminate them on the insert maps. See if a topo background will work.
- Add the names of key roads.
- Emphasize the rivers and streams.
- Add canoe launches at Woodville, Field & Falmouth Roads.
- Include more insert maps; reduce background information to make room for them.
- Fit insert maps to the space available regardless of north orientation.

Item #3: No. Falmouth Easements

Dave Gagnon moved and Aaron Svedlow seconded a motion recommending that the Council authorize payment of \$20,000 in a stewardship fee to the Falmouth Land Trust for holding of easements on the three existing North Falmouth Community Forest parcels, plus up to \$6,000 for a baseline report on those properties. Approved 3-0.

Item #4: Council Next Steps

Members liked the format and content of the proposed ecological inventory information the Council requested, but are unsure if that is what they are looking for. It was decided that Ted and Analiese will meet with Sean Mahoney – the Councilor who initially requested the study – to see if that document conforms to what he had in mind. Given the Council's heavy workload, nothing will be done with the information until after July 1st.

Item #5: Executive Session

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

Item #6: Updates

- Trails have been laid out that will connect No. Falmouth Community Forest trails and trails in the abutting Lowell Preserve in Windham. These will be built in the spring.
- We are still waiting to hear if the forester will find a logging contractor to take on the Woods Road Community Forest work. The lateness of our decision to proceed with that work and warm December weather has made it difficult to find a logger.

Meeting Schedule

The February meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 3rd, 8:15 a.m. Ethan Croche and Justin Brown will be invited to the meeting to discuss how subdivision projects that include open space requirements might be better enforced.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.