

**Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes**  
**11 August 2015 Meeting #22**  
**Mason-Motz Activity Center**

Present: Ted Asherman, Dave Gagnon, Bob Shafto, Ed Braley, Claudia King, Fred Mascioangelo,  
Aaron Svedlow, Lucky D'Ascanio, Nathan Poore.  
Absent: Analiese Larsen. Guests: Caleb Hemphill.

Item #1: June 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes

On a motion by Ed and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Fred, the June minutes were unanimously adopted.

Item #2: Encroachment Issues

We've experienced a number of encroachment problems – trash dumping, tree cutting, dogs, unauthorized trails, etc. – on town property by abutting landowners. Our first attempt to educate abutters about the inappropriateness of these activities will be a letter to all residents that abut town conservation lands. Bob will create a draft letter and circulate it among LMAC members prior to the next meeting. It will be a “gentle reminder” to abstain from such activities; offer to walk their boundary should they be unclear regarding its location; and solicit any feedback they have to offer.

Item #3: Pet Policies Redux

The Committee is ready to address the issue of problem dog owners on town conservation and park lands. Our first step will be to invite dog control folks from neighboring communities to talk to us about their policies and how well they are working. Aaron will summarize the ordinances in effect in Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth, Yarmouth, Cumberland, and Portland prior to that meeting, looking for similarities across those policies (if any). A next step will be to hold a forum to discuss this issue with both pet owners and people concerned about their presence on town properties / trails.

Item #4: Greening of Falmouth, Part II

Members agreed that there is little ownership now for our 2006 open space plan, *The Greening of Falmouth*. They also agreed with Nathan's suggestion that it is time to revisit and revise that plan so it reflects current realities. LMAC should propose a process to the Council for developing such a plan during the FY17 fiscal year using the “Plus” model the Council has favored in recent years. That is, an *ad hoc* group consisting of a couple of LMAC members plus members of other existing town committees (PACPAC, LPAC) and some public representatives would be charged with developing the new plan. This proposal should be part of LMAC's 2015 Annual Report to the Council with the hope it will be included in the Council's FY17 work plan.

Item #5: Acquisitions

There are no new acquisitions on the horizon, nor are any likely until we have the funds to pursue them. We continue to recommend the sale of the Hadlock Road lot, with the proceeds used to fund new acquisitions.

Item #6: Updates

- The Council voted 5-2 to approve funding for the No. Falmouth Community Forest acquisitions approved, but not funded by, Land for Maine's Future.
- Our new enhanced accessibility trail in Woods Road Community Forest is complete.
- The invasive control work being done by the Conservation Commission commences in September. It will include the Maine Turnpike as well, at their expenses.

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- Bob will be away for several months this winter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10. **Next Scheduled Meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.**