

Land Management & Acquisition Committee

February 2, 2016 Minutes

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

Item #1: Minutes

Ed moved and Dave seconded a motion to adopt the January minutes. Passed unanimously.

Item #2: Pets on Public Lands

We discussed the results of the public meeting on Jan. 19th and decided to have each member make individual recommendations regarding possible ordinance changes via an electronic file Bob will send each person. Bob will compile the returned files, then a subcommittee will meet to review and discuss. PACPAC will go through a similar process. It was also noted that this is only the first step in a three-step process that will also include a public information strategy and recommended enforcement procedures.

Item #3: Financial Plan

Ed moved and Dave seconded a motion to approve the proposed acquisition financial plan. Passed unanimously.

Item #4: FY17 & 18 Management Budget Plan

Ed moved and Dave seconded a motion to approve the proposed management financial plan. Passed unanimously.

Item #5: Woods Road Community Forest

It was agreed that the trails on this property should be kept open unless or until we received a heavy snowstorm that would force deer to yard up. A longer-term decision will be deferred until the pets recommendation for this property is formulated.

Item #6: Trail Names

No specific action on this item, other than agreement that individual trail names are desirable. We'll go slow with actually posted trail signs with names.

Item #7: Updates

- The Blackstrap Hill forestry work has been stopped due to the warm weather.
- The draft annual report will be submitted as is.
- The Council will consider the sale of the Hadlock house lot in the coming months.
- The Rte. 100 snowmobile trail on private property now being used by mt. bikers without landowner permission is not a town issue. We can put up signs directing people to the public trail however.
- The Maine Forest Service is using River Point as a test property to check for the presence of emerald ash borers, a highly invasive insect.
- A Mast Rd landowner has approached the town about a possible acquisition that might be a good candidate for a wetlands mitigation grant.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 a.m. Next scheduled meetings will be on the **first Tuesday** of the month at **Town Hall** starting at 8:15. Lucky will reserve the room.