

Land Management & Acquisition Committee

October 11, 2016 Minutes

Present: Ed Braley, Lucky D'Ascanio, Caleb Hemphill, Dave Gagnon, Bob Shafto, Fred Masciangelo, Ted Asherman, Nathan Poore

Absent: Jenny Grimm

Item #1: On a motion by Ed and 2nd by Fred, the August & September minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #2: New Conservation Properties

On a motion by Ed and seconded by Dave, it was voted pursuant to MRSA 1 section 4056C, to go into executive session to discuss possible property acquisitions.

Item #3: Greening of Falmouth 2.0

Theo Holtwijk briefed the committee on how the town will approach the creation of a new open space plan. Leaders of LMAC and the Long Range Planning Committee, plus town staff (Lucky, Bob, Nathan), plus both committees' Council liaisons (Caleb, Ned Kitchel) will form the core committee that will guide the effort. That work will include a lot of community outreach and should be ready for Council approval by late spring.

As Ed pointed out, done well it will become a separate but equal component, together with the development plan for the Comp Plan's growth area, of the town's Comprehensive Plan. The first meeting of the steering committee will on October 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Item #5: Updates

- We are getting closer to seeing our LMF funding, but now need to do a hazardous waste survey update. It should be done in a week or two.
- Bob is ready to get trail name signs made for the No. Falmouth and Blackstrap Hill properties. Others will follow.
- An engineering firm is developing a new plan for a connecting trail between the school property and Community Park. Lucky noted that the Community Park Connector Committee met last month and determined that while the trail in from the High School to Community Park and the possible purchase of a portion of the Connolly property should still be an option, the CPCC has determined that their first option is Alternate Route #1 which encompasses utilizing the existing trails from the HS through the utility corridor and existing trails on the McLaughlin/McCrann property to Falmouth Road. (See attached meeting minutes of the CPCC from 9/21/16)
- The police evicted a pair of two people camping in Hardy Rd Conservation Area last week thanks to the alertness of a neighbor.
- Pine Grove needs a management plan. Bob will work with Lucky to develop one.
- The ten-year summary report has gone out to the press.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 a.m. **The next meeting will be on November 8th.**