

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

10 January 2017

Present: Ed Braley, Dave Gagnon, Bob Shafto, Fred Masciangelo, Ted Asherman, Jenny Grimm

Item #1: On a motion by Dave and 2nd by Ed, the November minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #2: Blackstrap Subdivision Property

The developers of a proposed subdivision on the corner of Blackstrap & Brook Roads proposes to set aside 11-acres of conservation land. The Planning Board is asking LMAC if they think that land should be town-owned since it abuts 17-acres of existing town conservation land. After some discussion, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the land be placed in town ownership should the subdivision be approved in a manner that meets all town ordinance requirements.

Item #3: Route 1 North

The Route One North study committee has solicited LMAC input regarding future plans for that part of town. Two recommendations were made following extensive discussion:

1. Try and protect as much of the Sukeforth property (U59-11) as possible, given its proximity to the Falmouth Nature Preserve, especially the eastern side of the property that might provide trail connectivity to Underwood Park.
2. While there is no outstanding conservation interests to protect on lot U60-014, should it be developed efforts should be made to protect as much of the greenspace and wetlands as possible, with trails to provide workers in the area with opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Item #4: Executive Session

On a motion by Fred and a 2nd from Dave, it was moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to the Laws of Maine to discuss and consider the acquisition of real estate rights, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C).

Item #5: Update

- LPAC continues its work on an updated openspace plan. In February we will discuss our consensus recommendations for what LMAC would like to see included in that plan.
- Trail names signs have been placed for trails in No. Falmouth, Hadlock, Woods Road, Suckfish Brook, River Point and the East Branch trail systems.
- Part II of the Blackstrap Hill forestry operation will start this month, weather permitting.
- The Council's Ordinance Committee has agreed with LMAC's proposed 300' lease rule and a pet ban for River Point, as well as seasonal leash requirements at North Falmouth, Hadlock and Suckfish.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next meeting date: February 7th