

# Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

## 10 Oct 2017

Present: Ed Braley, Ted Asherman, Audrey Farber, Amanda Stearns, Karen Jacobsen, Jenny Grimm, Caleb Hemphill, Fred Masciangelo, Dave Gagnon, Nathan Poore, Bob Shafto.

### Item #1: September Minutes

Fred moved and Ed seconded a motion to approve the September minutes. Unanimously approved.

### Item #2: Jewel Properties

The committee discussed what constituted a “jewel property,” agreeing that they were properties that contributed to the aesthetic quality of our community. Various properties were discussed that the group felt had jewel qualities. Amanda will take the reins on this when she assumes the ombudsman position.

### Item #3: Pleasant Hill & Autumn Way Trails

LMAC has been approached about new trails being established in the Pleasant Hill Preserve, a property the town holds an easement on. There also issues about parking and access into the property, which is currently accomplished over private land. It was agreed that the Land Trust needs to clarify the access issue and bring a new trail plan to the committee at its next meeting.

It appears that we will be able to relocate the lower Autumn Way trail in a way that we hope will satisfy the owner of that road.

### Item #4: Beehives on No. Falmouth Community Forest Property

An abutter has two beehives located in the recently acquire McLean parcel. They need to ask permission to located them there and said permission must be approved by LMAC. Bob will ask the town attorney whether there are any legal liability issues involved. If so, she will draw up an agreement indemnifying the town of all liability.

### Item #5: Updates

- The Vandermast acquisition agreement has fallen through, so no deal there. The Adams acquisition is still in play.
- Trails maps are being printed and should be ready in a week or two.
- An open space survey is being conducted on line: be sure to respond and invite friends and neighbors to do the same.
- The No Falmouth forestry work is still ongoing and being done very well.
- Invasive were treated town-wide two weeks ago, including on town conservation land and several parks.
- Part of the Nature Preserve is being encroached on by new development. Amanda will handle this issue, including restoration of the area.
- A brown tailed moth forum will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the elementary school on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Next meeting date: November 7<sup>th</sup>