



LMAC (Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

Members Present: John Adelman, Chair; Fred Farber; David Gagnon; and Chris Kittredge
Ex-officio Present: Jennifer Grimm, FLT Executive Director
Liaisons Present: Michael Vance, FLT President
Council Liaison Present: Caleb Hemphill
Council Guest: Ted Asherman
Staff Present: Amanda Stearns, Open Space Manager, Sami Wolf, Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator and Lucky D'Ascanio, Parks and Community Programs Director

Approved Meeting Notes Tuesday, July 14, 2020

1. **Call to Order** – John called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – March 10, 2020 – The March 10 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote with a motion by Dave and a second by Fred. The motion to approve included changes as described by Chris Kittredge
3. **Executive Session** (1 MRS §405 6.C) – Executive Session was moved to the end of the meeting.
4. **Edits to 2017 Pine Grove Management Plan** – Amanda reviewed the history of the development of management plans and LMAC's authority to amend and adopt them. Lucky gave a brief history of management of the property. Jenny inquired about the forever wild status of the property and how that influences the management plan. The committee agreed to do a site visit Friday, July 24 at 8:30am.
5. **Trail Management Plan** – Amanda explained that there has been good amount of work completed on this and staff will be getting it out to the committee in time for a review for the August meeting. It was noted that a number of management challenges and issues over the last months have informed the elements of the plan.
6. **Staff Report**
 - a. FY21 work plan and spending – Amanda reviewed the approved work plan from January and noted that the biggest change facing the work is the current spending freeze.
 - b. Forestry Contract – Paul Larrivee of 207 Forestry Services LLC has completed a first phase of consolidation of the two forest management plans on record. Depending on funding availability, we will move forward with generation of a comprehensive forest management plan which will include all properties, even if there is a note of no forest management to occur.
 - c. Eagle Scout Projects – both projects are moving forward. The next step for both is for approval by the Pine Tree Council. Once approved the projects can begin. Caleb will be overseeing the NFCF trail connection project (Joey Lavallee). This project now includes a fund-raising component to hopefully cover the materials. Sami will be

overseeing the trail condition assessment project (Maxwell Polsky) to take place at WRCF.

- d. Trail Maintenance and Improvement Activities – Amanda reported the various activities taking place this spring including a comprehensive trail improvement project at WRCA, led by Caleb and worked on by various volunteers including Ted Asherman, Dale Lalone (a new FCC member) and Jon Planer (new FCC member). The project is approximately 85% complete at this time. Caleb, Sami and Amanda spent a morning at RPCA, trimming and mowing. The Perimeter Trail and a portion of the Cross Falmouth Trail are infested with poison ivy and a recent approval of funds will allow treatment by Lucas Tree. This treatment is considered a public health issue as this area has frequent visitors and there is little ability to avoid the ivy. Some maintenance work continues at BHCF with more to occur this summer.
 - e. McDermott Purchase – The closing has been postponed due to funding constraints.
 - f. Chainsaw Training – Sami reported that we are still working on scheduling the training.
 - g. Field Days – Amanda inquired about setting up some workdays. Fred will check on the conditions at Tidewater. Nothing specific was scheduled.
7. **Executive Session** (1 MRS §405 6.C) With a motion by John and a second by Dave the committee unanimously voted to enter executive session under 1 MRS §405 6.C. With a motion by Dave and a second by John the committee unanimously voted to come out of executive session. No decisions were made.
8. **Other business** – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11 at 9:00 am via Zoom.
9. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 am.