

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

12 May 2014

Meeting #10

Present: Fred Mascioangelo, Caleb Hemphill, Ted Asherman, Lucky D'Ascanio, Dave Gagnon, Jed Harris, Nathan Poore, Bob Shafto,: Analiese Larsen, Sean Mahoney

Item #1: River Point Bridge

On a unanimous vote, the committee voted to approve a memo to the Council that summarizes the reasons it believes a ten-foot access bridge is needed for the property. Nathan will get that memo to the Council. The group also discussed how this issue got so far off the rails, as summarized below:

Things that happened	Things we should do next time
We assumed too much about the Council's acceptance of the idea. We didn't get people to speak up in the public comments forum. LMAC never actually made a formal recommendation about the project. The Council didn't create an opportunity for real discussion or LMAC input, but jumped ahead for to vote. There was no introductory presentation.	Don't get ahead to of the Council re future plans – take their pulse first. Do a better job of explaining "why," including a summary presentation. Reach out to individual councilors on important issues before their meeting. Get outside funding for expensive projects to show cost sharing.

Item #2: New Forester

Bob, Ted and Caleb reported on their interviews with two foresters, Sappi's Paul Larrivee and Two Trees Forestry's Harold Burnett. Their unanimous recommendation was to chose P. Larrivee, a decision fully supported in turn by the entire committee. Bob will get background information on both to Lucky.

Item #3: Budget Plan

We discussed "next steps" for moving forward with a more comprehensive acquisition budget plan. Bob will put together a summary of the thinking to date for the Council to (possibly) consider at its July retreat.

Item #4: Healthy Maine Walks

Analiese will summarize the walking opportunities in Falmouth for a website the state is developing.

Updates

- We should hear on the Forest Service grant for NFCF this month; from LMF preliminarily in June.
- The new town website will be up tomorrow.
- Directional signs to various OS properties will be coordinated with a wayfaring sign project the town has initiated.
- We will not meet in July.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m. Next meeting dates:

June 9th, 8:00 a.m.

August 11th, 8:00 a.m.