

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

7 Oct 2014 Meeting #14

Present: Ted Asherman, Lucky D'Ascanio, Dave Gagnon, Bob Shafto, Aaron Svedlow (by phone), Jed Harris, Analiese Larsen, Dave Goldberg. Guests: Caleb Hemphill.
Absent: Fred Mascioangelo

Item #1: Aug 14th Minutes

Jed Harris moved and Dave Gagnon seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16th meeting. Unanimously approved.

Item #2: Dogs

Lucky reported on a meeting she, Bob & Ted had with Nathan on this topic. It was agreed that the best next step will be to step up enforcement of our existing dog ordinances. She and Nathan will be meeting with Chief Tolan soon in that regard. Also, we would like more time to see how new ordinances in neighboring towns work out.

Item #3: Harvest Plans

We briefly reviewed the harvest plans for Blackstrap Hill and Woods Road Community Forests, including how we will involve the public. People should give them a closer read and let Lucky know of any recommended changes by Thursday morning. Otherwise, we are good to go for the 15th. Lucky will call the forester about using a PowerPoint at the meeting. Dave moved and Jed seconded a motion to accept the plans subject to feedback. Unanimously approved.

Item #4: FY16 Budget Request

We reviewed likely maintenance projects for the next fiscal year. The biggest item to be address, at a projected cost of \$10,000, will be the demolition of the River Point house. Second largest will be a new version of the trail map, estimated at \$2,800 (shared with the Land Trust). Other routine maintenance costs should come in at \$7,200 for a total request of \$19,000.

Item #5: Possible Property Acquisitions

Dave moved and Jed seconded a motion to go into executive session under MRSA 1 section 4056C to discuss a pending land acquisition opportunities. Unanimously approved.

Item #6: Updates

- Ted, Dave, Caleb, Bob Lucky and Nathan will attend the IF&W landowner of the year award dinner on October 21st. in Augusta. Lucky will arrange for the van.
- A railroad tunnel *ad hoc* committee is being formed to pursue that project.
- Work on the new River Point bridge will begin soon.
- Hunting Allowed signs have been posted on all appropriate properties.
- NCFCF acquisitions are unfolding on schedule; Bob projects that our chances of getting a Land & Water Cons. Fund grant are very low.

Meeting Schedule

The November meeting will be on the 18th, not the 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.