

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

12 May 2015 Meeting #20

Mason-Motz Activity Center

Present: Ted Asherman, Dave Gagnon, Bob Shafto, Analiese Larsen, Ed Braley, Aaron Svedlow, Dave Goldberg.

Absent: Fred Mascioangelo, Guests: Caleb Hemphill.

Item #1: March 10th Minutes

On a motion by Aaron and a 2nd from Dave, the March minutes were unanimously adopted.

Item #2: Dedication of Wood Harvesting Revenue

Dave moved and Aaron seconded the following motion: LMAC recommends that the Council dedicate all revenues received from the value of wood harvested on town land to the open space acquisition account. Approved unanimously.

Item #3: No. Falmouth Acquisitions

While we have U.S. Forest Service funds in the amount of \$231,800 in hand, the status of our LMF grant award is still uncertain. Meanwhile our option agreement with the three sellers has expired and some are getting impatient with the 15+ month wait they have put up with so far regarding the sale of their property. It comes down to this question, regardless of what happens with the LMF grant: Will the town accept the USFS grant and come up with the needed funds or do we decline it? On a motion by Ted and a second by Dave, a motion to urge Nathan to take this issue to the Council in early July was unanimously approved.

Item #4: Hadlock Lot

The idea of selling lower-value town-owned conservation land and using the money to acquire higher value parcels has been discussed for many years. Such a building lot exists in Hadlock Community Forest – a two-acre parcel fronting Hadlock Road. On a motion by Ted and a second by Aaron, the Committee recommends that the Council put this lot up for sale and apply the proceeds to future acquisitions (perhaps the No. Falmouth project). Unanimously approved.

Item #5: Executive Session

Dave moved and Aaron seconded a motion to go into executive session under MRSA1, Section 4056C to discuss pending land acquisition opportunities. Approved unanimously.

Item #5: Updates

- With a lot of volunteer help, a new access trail was built from Longwoods Road into Woods Road Community Forest on May 2nd.
- The Woods Rd CF handicapped trail work will begin early into the new fiscal year.
- The breeding bird survey in No. Falmouth, Hadlock and Woods Rd Community Forest will be conducted in late May & early June.
- Falmouth Land Trust will close on Hurricane Farm on schedule!

Meeting adjourned at 10:05. **Next Meeting on June 17th.**